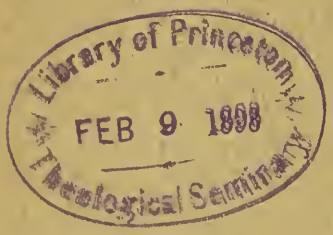

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CORRIGENDA.

Page 153, lines 7 and 13, *for* James T. McWilliams *read* James A. McWilliams.

Page 164, line 21, *for* James A. Dow *read* James W. Dow.

Page 345, line 11, *for* Cummings *read* Cumming.

Page 396, line 32, *for* dedication *read* Federation.

Page 494, line 4, *for* Rev. J. Irving Burns *read* Hon. J. Irving Burns.

Page 548, line 16, *for* American *read* Armenian.

Page 570, lines 21 and 22 *for* Frank E. Sheppard *read* Frank R. Shepard.

ADDENDA.

Page 271, line 7, *add* Adopted.

Page 546, *after* the report of Committee on the Portchester Church *add*

The following were appointed the Commission on the Portchester Church:
Ministers. — George William Knox and William B. Waller.
Elders. — Ralph E. Prime and William H Parsons.

Page 559, line 9, *add* Adopted.

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Fall Stated Meeting Oct., 4th, 1887.

SING SING, N. Y., Oct. 4th, 1887.

The Presbytery of Westchester met, agreeably to appointment, in the Presbyterian Church, Sing Sing, N. Y., on Tuesday, Oct. 4th, 1887, at 3:30 P. M., and was opened with singing and constituted with prayer by the Moderator, Rev. William Hart Dexter.

Roll.

The roll was called and the following found to be present:

Ministers.	*Churches.*	*Elders.*
	Poundridge,	Daniel B. Rockwell,
Elias S. Schenck,	North Salem.	James O. Eggleston,
Dan'l N. Freeland (2),	Huguenot Memor'l,	Nathan Johnson (2),
David Murdoch (2),		
Talmon C. Perry,		
Andrew B. Morse,		
J. Aspinwall Hodge,	Hartford,	George W. Carpenter.
	Gilead,	Harrison Travis,
George Nixon,	Tremont,	Caleb E. Garey (2),
Isaac L. Kip (2),	Patterson,	
Edgar L. Heermance,	White Plains,	Edwin A. Slosson (2).
George W. F. Birch,	Bethany,	
Frederick S. Barnum,	Thompsonville,	Andrew Sloane,
Thornton M. Niven,	Greenburgh,	Edmund S. Mills,
David A. Holbrook,		
Rich'd P. H. Vail (2),	Stamford,	Clarence L. Reid (2),
Chas. Payson Mallery,	West Farms,	John Callan,
Ira S. Dodd (2),	Riverdale,	
John Reid (2),	Yonkers, 1st,	Theodore Gilman (2),
Henry A. Davenport,	Bridgeport, 1st.	David F. Hollister,
William B. Waller,	New Rochelle,	
John H. Eastman,	Katonah,	
Wash'g'n Choate (2),	trvington,	
Willis W. Dowd,	Portchester,	John Miller, Jr., (3),
J. Ritchie Smith,	Peekskill, 1st,	Sanford R. Knapp,
	Bedford,	David Travis,
William J. Cumming,	Yorktown,	Henry White,
Charles E. Allison,	Dayspring,	William Smith,
Irving E. White,	Peekskill, 2nd,	Milton Frost,
Manfred P. Welcher,	Pleasantville,	
Harris R. Schenck,	Mt. Kisco,	Joseph H. Crane,
Franklin B. Dwight,	Sing Sing,	Daniel E. Provost,
Edward C. Moore (2),	Westminster,	
James G. Rodger,	New Haven, 1st,	
John Howard Hobbs,	Greenwich,	Edwin A. Knapp (2),
John S. Allen,	Throgg's Neck,	Mervin R. Baxter.
William Hart Dexter,	South East Centre,	
Arthur Requa,	Darien,	James C. Jones (2),
John S. Penman.		
36	South Salem,	Thomas Gilbert,
	Rye,	George D. Cragin,
	Mahopac Falls,	Robert Lounsbury,
	Mt. Vernon, 1st,	A. Noel Blakeman (1).
		28

Total present 64

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Ministers absent.

Ministers Absent.—James Ely, William Patterson, Isaac S. Davison, Chauncey D. Rice, William W. Whipple, Hugh A. McKelvey, Charles E. Lindsley, Wilson Phraner, James Morton, William Life, Rollin A. Sawyer, Edward T. Bromfield, Addison D. Madeira, Edward B. Allen, Henry M. Baird, Homer S. Newcomb, Christopher R. Brown, Charles H. Riggs, Lawrence P. Cummings, Robert P. Gibson, Anthony W. Colver, Marcellus Bowen, R. Randall Hoes, James H. Hoyt, William K. Eddy, Charles P. Fagnani. 26.

Churches not represented.

Churches not Represented.—South East, Patterson, Bethany, Pott's Memorial, Riverdale, Croton Falls, New Rochelle, Katonah, Irvington, Pleasantville, Westminster, New Haven, 1st, South East Centre. 13.

Election of officers.

Rev. James G. Rodger was elected Moderator, and Rev. John H. Eastman, and Elder Sanford R. Knapp were elected Temporary Clerks.

Corresponding members.

Rev. R. Hart Dexter of the Presbytery of Genesee and Rev. James N. Crocker of the Presbytery of Albany were invited to sit as corresponding members.

Report of the Committee of Arrangements.

Committee of Arrangements made a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Prayer Meeting, 8:30—9:30 A. M.; Business Meetings, 9:30 A. M.—12 M. and 2—5 P. M.; Popular Service, 7:30 P. M. Tuesday evening—Sermon by retiring Moderator, Rev. William Hart Dexter; Wednesday evening—Ministerial Relief.

Reading of the Minutes.

The Minutes of the Spring Stated and Intermediate Meetings were read for information. The Minutes of the Adjourned Meeting in the First Presbyterian Church, Yonkers, N. Y., were read and approved.

Excused.

Rev. Messrs. Talmon C. Perry, Andrew B. Morse, David A. Holbrook, Marcellus Bowen, J. Ritchie Smith, Irving E. White, James G. Rodger, Manfred P. Welcher presented reasons for absence from the Intermediate Meeting, which were sustained.

Rev. Willis W. Dowd asked to be excused from this evening's and to-morrow's sessions. Granted.

Rev. Messrs. Marcellus Bowen, James H. Hoyt, and Wilson Phraner sent excuses for absence from this meeting, which were sustained.

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Rev. Elias S. Schenck presented a letter of dismission from the Presbytery of Wellsboro'. On motion, Mr. Schenck was received, and it was ordered that his name be placed on the roll.

Rev. E. S. Schenck rec'd.

Death of Rev. C. W. Adams announced.

The Stated Clerk announced the death of Rev. Carson W. Adams in London, England, on Aug. 28th, 1887. On motion, Rev. Messrs. J. Aspinwall Hodge and Frederick S. Barnum were appointed a committee to prepare a minute.

Communications.

A communication from the Port Chester Church was referred to the Committee on Judicial Business.

A communication from a body calling itself the "First Congregational Church, Port Chester, N. Y.," was referred to the Committee on Judicial Business.

A letter was read from Rev. Wilson Phraner, written at San Francisco, on the eve of departure to Japan. The Stated Clerk was directed to communicate the Christian regards of the Presbytery to him.

A communication was received from Rev. Christopher R. Brown, giving information concerning his work.

Orders of the day.

The nomination of Delegates to the Synod was made the second order of the day for to-morrow morning, and the election of the same the first order for the afternoon.

Report of committee to organize church at Mt. Vernon, N. Y.

Rev. William B. Waller of committtee to organize a church at Mt. Vernon, reported the performance of that duty as directed by the Presbytery. Accepted.

Report of committee to install Rev. E. C. Moore

Rev. William Hart Dexter reported the installation of Rev. Edward C. Moore, as pastor of the Westminster Church, Yonkers, N. Y., on June 30th. Accepted.

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Places of meeting

Mt. Kisco, was selected as the place of the next Stated Meeting and Carmel, as the place of the next Intermediate Meeting.

Rev. John S. Allen, was excused from further attendance at this meeting.

The report of the Committee on Standing Rules was taken up, pending which the Presbytery took a recess.

Tuesday, Oct. 4th, 1887, 7:30 P. M.

Recess having expired, Presbytery convened.

Sermon of the retiring Moderator.

Rev. William Hart Dexter, the retiring Moderator, preached a sermon from Gal. 6: 14: "But God forbid that I should glory save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world."

Committees.

The Moderator announced the following committees:

1. BILLS AND OVERTURES.

Ministers—William Hart Dexter, Charles E. Allison, Harris R. Schenck.

Elders—Clarence L. Reid. Henry White.

2. JUDICIAL BUSINESS.

Ministers—J. Ritchie Smith. Irving E. White, Frederick S. Barnum.

Elders—David F. Hollister, Milton Frost.

3. LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

Minister—Franklin B. Dwight.

Elder—Daniel E. Provost.

4. FINANCE.

Minister—John Reid.

Elder—Andrew Sloane.

5. SESSIONAL RECORD.

	Church.	*Minister.*	*Elder.*
1.	Poundridge,	Talmon C. Perry,	David Travis,
2.	Huguenot Mem'l,	Andrew B. Morse,	George W. Carpenter,
3.	Hartford,	George Nixon,	Harrison Travis,
4.	Gilead,	J. Aspinwall Hodge,	Andrew Sloane,
5.	Tremont,	Edgar L. Heermance,	Edmund S. Mills,
6.	South East,	Frederick S. Barnum,	John Callan,
7.	Patterson,	Thornton M. Niven,	David F. Hollister,
8.	White Plains,	Charles P. Mallery,	Joseph H. Crane,
9.	Bethany,	Henry A. Davenport,	Milton Frost,
10.	Thompsonville,	William B. Waller,	Daniel E. Provost,
11.	Greenburgh,	J. Ritchie Smith,	Mervin R. Baxter,
12.	Stamford,	Charles E. Allison,	James O. Eggleston,
13.	West Farms,	Irving E. White,	Thomas Gilbert,
14.	Pott's Memorial,	Manfred P. Welcher,	George D. Cragin,
15.	Riverdale,	William Hart Dexter,	Daniel B. Rockwell,
16.	Croton Falls,	Elias S. Schenck,	George W. Carpenter,
17.	Yonkers, 1st,	Arthur Requa,	Harrison Travis,
18.	Bridgeport, 1st,	Harris R. Schenck,	Andrew Sloane,
19.	New Rochelle,	Talmon C. Perry,	Milton Frost,
20.	Katonah,	Andrew B. Morse,	Edmund S. Mills,
21.	Irvington,	J. Aspinwall Hodge,	John Callan,
22.	Port Chester,	George Nixon,	David F. Hollister,
23.	Peekskill, 1st,	Edgar L. Heermance,	Henry White,
24.	Bedford,	Frederick S. Barnum,	Joseph H. Crane,
25.	Yorktown,	Thornton M Niven,	Caleb E. Garey,
26.	Dayspring,	Charles P. Mallery,	Mervin R. Baxter,
27.	Peekskill, 2nd,	William B. Waller,	James O. Eggleston,
28.	Pleasantville,	J. Ritchie Smith,	Thomas Gilbert.
29.	Mt. Kisco,	Charles E. Allison,	George D. Cragin,
30.	Sing Sing,	Irving E. White,	Daniel Rockwell,
31.	Westminster,	Manfred P. Welcher,	George W. Carpenter,
32.	New Haven,	William Hart Dexter,	Harrison Travis,
33.	Greenwich,	Arthur Requa,	Andrew Sloane,
34.	Throgg's Neck,	Talmon C. Perry,	John Callan,
35.	South EastCentre	Andrew B. Morse.	David F. Hollister,
36.	Darien,	J. Howard Hobbs,	Henry White,
37.	North Salem,	George Nixon,	David Travis,
38.	South Salem,	John Reid,	Joseph H. Crane.
39.	Rye,	Frederick S. Barnum,	John Callan.
40.	Mahopac Falls,	Thornton M. Niven.	Daniel E. Provost.
41.	Mt. Vernon 1st,	Charles P. Mallery.	Mervin R. Baxter.

The consideration of the report of the Committee on Standing Rules was resumed.

Adjourned until to-morrow at 8:30 A. M.

Closed with prayer.

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Wednesday, Oct. 5th, 8:30 A. M.

The Presbytery convened, and after an hour spent in devotional exercises proceeded to business.

Roll.

The roll was called and the following, who had not previously reported, were found to be present:

Ministers—Daniel N. Freeland, David Murdoch, Isaac L. Kip, Richard P. H. Vail, Ira S. Todd, John Reid, Washington Choate, Edward C. Moore, John S. Penman.

Elders—Nathan Johnson, Caleb E. Gary, Edwin A. Slosson, Clarence L. Reid, Theodore Gilman, Edwin A. Knapp, James C. Jones, A. Noel Blakeman. They were excused for late attendance.

Reading of Minutes.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

Candidates recommended to aid.

On motion, the recommendations of Candidates William J. Millar and Robert R. White for aid from Board of Education were renewed.

Rev. James N. Crocker, Synodical Superintendent, was heard concerning Synodical Sustentation.

Nomination of Delegates to Synod.

The following persons were then placed in nomination as delegates to the Synod:

Ministers—George W. F. Birch, J. Aspinwall Hodge, William Hart Dexter, J. Ritchie Smith, Thornton M. Niven, John H. Eastman, George Nixon, William B. Waller, William J. Cumming, Daniel N. Freeland, Edward C. Moore, John S. Allen, Andrew B. Morse, Harris R. Schenck.

Elders—Joseph H. Crane, John G. Clark, Edmund S. Mills, George W. Carpenter, David F. Hollister, Caleb E. Gary, Thomas Gilbert, Clarence L. Reid, Sanford R. Knapp, Harrison Travis, James O. Eggleston, Charles R. Otis, Theodore Gilman, Edward Wells.

The Presbytery then resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee on Standing Rules. The report was amended, adopted, and is as follows:

STANDING RULES.

OF MEETINGS.

1. The Stated Meetings of the Presbytery shall be held on the third Tuesday of April and the first Tuesday of October in each year. The Intermediate Meetings shall be held on the third Tuesday of January and the third Tuesday in June in each year.

2. The Session of the church, in which the meeting is to be held, shall constitute a Committee of Arrangements for that meeting

3. At every Stated Meeting the Presbytery shall spend the first hour of each morning session in devotional exercrses.

OF MINISTERS.

4. Every Minister, coming to this Presbytery on certificate from another Presbytery, may, in the discretion of the Presbytery, be examined on experimental religion, theology and church government; and every ordained Minister, coming from a denomination in correspondence with the General Assembly, shall be required to answer affirmatively the first seven questions in the Form of Government, Chap. XV, Sec. 12, which are put to our own Licentiates, when about to be ordained.

OF LICENTIATES

5. Every Licentiate, coming to this Presbytery, on certificate from another Presbytery, may in the discretion of the Presbytery be examined as to his religious experience, and on theology and church government; and every Licentiate coming to this Presbytery from any denomination in correspondence with the General Assembly, shall be required to answer affirmatively the questions in the Form of Government, Chap. XIV. Sec. 7. put our candidates for licensure.

OF CANDIDATES.

6. When a person shall be introduced to the Presbytery to be taken under its care as a candidate for the ministry, his application shall be referred to the Committee on Education.

7. Every candidate shall be placed under the superintendence of a committee, who shall carefully attend to his moral any intellectual improvement, and make a report of the same at every Fall Stated Meeting of the Presbytery.

8. Examination for licensure or ordination at a Stated Meeting shall be the second order of the second day.

9. When the Presbytery shall decide on the trials of candidates and licentiates, they shall sit with closed doors.

10. The Latin Exegesis and Critical Exercise of Candidates shall be put into the hands of the Committee on Languages, and

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the other written parts of trial into those of the Committee on Philosphy, Astronomy and Rheteric, who shall examine them and report thereon to the Presbytery. The sermon shall be preached before the Presbytery.

OF OFFICERS.

11. The officers of the Presbytery shall be a Moderator, who shall be elected at each Stated Meeting of the Presbytery, a Stated Clerk, a Permanent Clerk and a Treasurer, who shall hold office during the pleasure of the Presbytery; but the Presbytery may assign the duties of the Treasurer to either of the clerks. Besides these officers, Temporary Clerks may be appointed to serve at any of the meetings.

12. The Stated Clerk shall form and call the roll of each meeting, shall give notice of all meetings and the object, when special, to all Ministers and to the Clerks of Session of all vacant churches, shall receive all overtures and papers addressed to the Presbytery and present the same to the Presbytery for its action or for reference, shall make up a docket of business for each meeting, give all necessry notices to carry orders of Presbytery into effect, and shall perform such duties as by rule or usage of Presbytery, Synod, or General Assembly are performed by the Stated Clerk, and snch other duties as the Presbytery shall prescribe. He shall index the minutes, make such permanent record of them, and from time to time print them or an abstract of them as the Presbytery may direct, and deliver a copy to each minister in the Presbytery and to each Ruling Elder of the churches under its care. He shall also prepare, print, and deliver in like manner in every third year beginning with 1889, a list of all Ruling Elders of the churches arranged in alphabetical order, but under the names of their respective churches.

13. The Permanent Clerk shall himself keep or cause to be kept by a Temporary Clerk, if the Presbytery appoint such clerk, a correct record and minute of all business transacted by the Presbytery and shall, within seven days, after the close of each meeting, deliver such record to the Stated Clerk.

14. The Treasurer, or the Clerk acting as Treasurer, shall receive the moneys of the Presbytery and disburse the same as directed by the Presbytery or by the Standing Rules of the Presbytery. At each Fall Stated Meeting he shall present, in writing, a report of receipts and disbursements during the year then ending, with the vouchers for all payments made by him, and the same shall be referred to the Committee on Finance.

15. The salaries of the Stated and Permanent Clerks and Treasurer and their disbursements for blanks, stationery, postage, etc., and also personal expenses of the Stated Clerk in attending special meetings of the Presbytery shall be audited and paid by the Treasurer out of the moneys belonging to the Presbytery.

OF COMMITTEES.

16. At each Stated Meeting there shall be appointed committees on:

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1. Bills and Overtures.
2. Judicial Business.
3. Leave of Absence.

Nos. 1 and 2 shall be composed of five members each, and No. 3 of two members.

17. At the Fall Stated Meeting there shall also be appointed committees on:

1. Finance.
2. The Narrative.
3. The Sessional Record of each church.

Each of the above committees shall consist of two members.

18. At the Fall Stated Meeting of every even-numbered year, there shall be appointed by the Presbytery, on the nomination of a committee appointed at the previous Intermediate Meeting the following standing committees.

FOR EXAMINATIONS.

1. Religious Experience and Views in Seeking the Ministry
2. Languages.
3. Philosophy, Astronomy, and Rhetoric.
4. Systematic Theology.
5. Church History, Church Government and Sacraments.

ON WORK OF THE CHURCH.

1. Home Missions.
2. Foreign Missions.
3. Education.
4. Publication and Sabbath School Work.
5. Church Erection.
6. Ministerial Relief.
7. Freedmen
8. Aid for Colleges
9. Temperance.
10. Systematic Beneficence.
11. Church Extension.
12. Presbyterial Visitation
13. Manses.

Of the Committees for Examination No. 1 shall consist of the Moderator, and Nos. 2, 3, 4 and 5 of three members each. Of the Committees on the Work of the Church, Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 shall consist of five members each, Nos. 5, 7, 8, 9, 12 and 13 of three members each, No. 6 of one Minister and five Ruling Elders, No. 11 of ten members, and No. 10 of a chairman, to be appointed, and of the chairmen of Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9.

19. The Commissioners to General Assembly and the Delegates to Synod shall be committees on the minutes of those judicatories for the sessions, for which they were respectively elected.

20. The standing committees on the Work of the Church shall always report in writing at the Fall Stated Meeting, and at such other times as their business may require or the Presbytery may direct. Such committees severally shall bring to the attention of the churches, their Pastors and Sessions, all the deliverances of the General Assembly, Synod, and Presbytery, concerning the department of church cared for by their respective committees, and shall,

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at suitable seasons, communicate with and obtain from the Session of each church information after what manner each church is forwarding such department of work.

21. The Committee on the Narrative shall present a report at the Spring Stated Meeting.

22. Each member of a committee shall be entitled to the privileges of the floor when any report of his committee or matter touching the work of the committee shall be under consideration.

23. All committees shall be appointed by the Moderator, unless herein or otherwise directed by the Presbytery.

OF COMMISSIONERS AND DELEGATES.

24. Commissioners to the General Assembly and Delegates to the Synod, and their alternates, shall be elected by ballot at the Stated Meeting next preceding the meeting of the judicatory to which they are respectively commissioned, a majority of all the votes cast being necessary to an election. Nominations therefor shall be the first order of the morning session of the second day, and election the first order of the afternoon af the same day.

25. At the first election of Delegates to the Synod after the adoption of this rule, the whole number of Delegates to which the Presbytery shall be entitled, shall be chosen. Of those so chosen, the half in number, who shall have received the greatest number of votes, shall be Delegates for two years, and the other half shall be Delegates for one year; and thereafter at each Fall Stated Meeting there shall be elected Delegates to the Synod for the full term of two years to fill the places of those whose term of service then expires. Whenever the number of Delegates to the Synod from the Presbytery shall increase or diminish or vacancies occur, the Presbytery shall so order that the two classes of delegates, whose term shall expire in different years, shall be of equal number and as nearly as possible of an equal number of Ministers and Ruling Elders.

OF CHURCH SESSIONS.

26. The Session of each church shall, at least ten days before each Spring Stated Meeting of the Presbytery, send to the Committee on the Narrative a narrative of the state of religion in their church.

27. The Session of each church shall send to the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery, on or before the Spring Stated Meeting of the Presbytery, their statistical report.

28. The Session of each church shall, at the Fall Stated Meeting, present their record for examination.

OF VACANT CHURCHES.

29. Vacant churches shall pay supplies a compensation of at least one-half of the regular salary.

30. It shall be disorderly for any vacant church to employ itinerant preachers, whose credentials shall not have been submitted to

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some member of the Presbytery, or for any Minister to labor statedly in any of our churches, who does not come under our jurisdiction, unless by special permission of the Presbytery at each Stated Meeting.

31. At each Stated Meeting of the Presbytery the list of vacant churches shall be read, and a Minister shall be appointed to act as Moderator of the Session of each of the said churches until the next Stated Meeting of the Presbytery.

32. In case any church becomes vacant between the meetings of the Presbytery, the Session of such church shall call upon a neighboring Minister to act as Moderator until the next meeting of the Presbytery, except in cases provided for in the Form of Government.

OF ASSESSMENTS.

33. Each church shall pay annually at the Spring Stated Meeting to the Treasurer of the Presbytery, for the expenses of the Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly, the sum that shall have been portioned to such church by the Presbytery.

34. At each Spring Stated Meeting all Ministers, not Pastors, shall be interrogated and shall make answer concerning their labor during the year past.

OF RULES.

35. These rules may be altered or amended by a majority vote at any Stated Meeting; such alterations or amendments having been proposed in writing at a previous Stated Meeting of the Presbytery.

36. These rules may be suspended at any time by a two-thirds vote of those present.

The Stated Clerk was directed to print as many copies of the Standing Rules as he may think necessary.

Resolution—Beth'ny Church

It was resolved, that the Presbytery of Westchester respectfully request the Presbytery of New York to made a legal transfer of the property at present occupied by the Bethany Presbyterian Church, on 137th street, near Willis avenue, in New York city to the said church.

Report of Committee on Minutes of General Assembly.

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly made a report which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee call attention to matters affecting Presbyteries and Sessions as as recorded on the following pages of the Minutes

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of the General Assembly, 1887: 24, 28, 52, 56, 69, 71, 88, 89, 112, 113, 115, 121, 122, 123, 124, 132, 140, and 141.

Report of Committee on Church Extension.

The Committee on Church Extention made a report which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee reports:

APPROPRIATIONS -

Church at Pelham Manor	$450 00
Pastor of church at Croton Falls for services at Somers and North Salem	325 00

A portion of these amounts has been paid out of the funds of the Committee and the remainder out of the Synodical Aid Fund.

Total receipts from churches including balance...	$440 05
Total expenditures	400 00
Balance on hand Sept. 26th	$40 05

In addition the Committee take pleasure in announcing the following facts: 1. The churches at Westchester and West Farms have become self-supporting and are prospering spiritually. 2. The church at New Haven has, through the assistance of friends in New York, secured, by the payment of $18,000, the desirable edifice in which they have held their services. There still remains a mortgage of $25,000, the interest on which they are able to pay as well as their ordinary expenses. 3. The First Presbyterian Church at Mt. Vernon was organized on June 23d with 73 members, 3 elders and 3 deacons. The present membership is 91. Steps have been taken to call a pastor, and the amount necessary to his support has already been provided for. Presbytery may reasonably expect the Mt. Vernon church to be one of the largest on its roll before many years. 4. The committee has been in correspondence with the Church Extention Committee of the Presbytery of New York in relation to work in the 23rd and 24th wards of New York city, which are within the bounds of this Presbytery. The Committee believe that the work can best be done through co-operation with the committee named above and have accepted an invitation to meet them. 5. By the death of Rev. Carson W. Adams the Committee has lost a valuable member. The vacancy should be filled by the Presbytery.

Report of Committee on Home Missions.

The Committee on Home Missions made a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

The churches of this Presbytery contributed by congregations, Ladies' societies and Sunday schools to the Board, $6,246.47, a decrease of $906.63 as compared with the preceding year. The congregations gave less, while the Ladies' societies and Sunday schools gave more. The minutes of the General Assembly report $16,131 for Home Missions. The difference represents the amount expended in local work. The membership of our churches is 6,187. We give, therefore, to the Board a trifle over $1 per member. The Committee calls attention to the report of the Standing Committee

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of the General Assembly, Sections I, II, III, IV, and V, 2nd paragraph, pp. 70 and 71, Minutes of G. A., 1887.

Report of Committee on Temperance.

The Committee on Temperance made a report, which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee think it plain that in a large proportion of our churches the cause of temperance does not awaken the interest nor receive the consideration that its importance demands.

1. We call attention to Resolution 5, p. 127, and resolution on p. 140, Minutes of Gen'l Ass., 1887, commending the Permanent Committee to the churches for pecuniary assistance.

2. In conclusion we submit the following resolution: In view of the fact that intemperance is one of the chief curses of the land and one of the chief hindrances to the progress of the kingdom of God. Presbytery enjoins the pastors of churches to be faithful in declaring unto their people the whole counsel of God in this matter and urge the Sessions to use every effort to keep the church of Christ pure from all participation in this sin and to promote Christian temperance in the community.

Report of Committee on Centenary Fund.

The committee to draft a plan for collecting money for the Centenary Fund made a report, which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee recommend—

1. That a series of sermons and addresses on the history of the Presbyterian Church be delivered by pastors and laymen.

2. That we concentrate our effort on the raising $1,000,000 for the endowment of the Board of Relief.

3. That we commend the other objects recommended by the General Assembly

4. That this Presbytery recommends that every Session take up special subscription for the Centenary Fund in time to be reported at the Assembly's meeting for 1888

5. That the contributions be sent to the Treasurers of the Boards for which they are intended and designated as special for Centenary Fund; with the exception of that for Ministerial Relief, which shall be sent to Rev. William H. Roberts, D. D., 950 Gilbert avenue, Walnut Hills, Cincinnati, Ohio.

6. That no sum be counted as a contribution except upon deposit of a Treasurer's certificate.

7. That these resolutions are not to be interpreted as restricting the liberty of the donors.

8. That the work of raising money for the endowment of the Board of Ministerial Relief be referred to a joint committee to be composed of the Standing Committee on Ministerial Relief and the Committee on Centenary Fund.

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9. That the above Committee be empowerered to bring the action of Presbytery to the attention of Sessions of the churches.

Report of Committee of Foreign Missions.

The Committee on Foreign Missions made a report, which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee call attention to the falling off in gifts to the Board to more than $1,000 and also to the fact that more than $1,000 given by our churches passes through other hands than those of our Board. Your Committee recommend—

1. That the Pastors of all our churches take special pains to acquaint their people with the needs of the Foreign Mission field, and with the fact that new openings for the work are presented, and that laborers stand ready to go and preach so soon as God's people furnish the means.

2. Your Committee would appeal through the Pastors and Sessions of the Sabbath schools for a contribution to the amount of $75,000 asked for by the General Assembly. There are 6,000 scholars in the Presbytery. We ask that each one be allowed to give something as a Christmas offering to this cause.

3. Your Committee would gratefully acknowledge the labor and self-sacrifice of the women of the churches in behalf of this cause, and we would appeal to them to put forth even greater efforts in advancing the cause of Christ in the world.

Report of Committee on Ministerial Relief.

The Committee on Ministerial Relief made a report, which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows:

The committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions—

1. That the Presbytery especially commends the work of this Board to all the churches, and urge that every church have afforded it at least a fair opportunity to contribute. Attention is called to to Resolution 3, p. 30 of the Board's Annual Report, and Presbytery ask how far this state of affairs is due to Pastors themselves.

2. We adopt as our own the resolution of the Assembly, urging each church Session to associate an Elder with the Pastor "in the oversight of the interests of this Board in the congregation."

3. We recommend to those churches which would like to have some member of this Committee, or some other Minister or Elder of this Presbytery, to present this cause to their respective churches, that they notify the Committee to that effect as soon as possible, stating whom they would prefer and when.

4. That Sessions be directed to forward to the Committee the names of any Elders qualified for giving addresses on this subject in the churches of Presbytery.

5. That in this Presbytery we especially endeavor to raise at least our proportion of the $150,000 recommended by the Assembly

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for this Board, which proportion amounts to an advance of $215 on the amount contributed last year, or a total of $1,833. This is in view of the fact that over 60 families have been added to the pay roll of the church for the coming year.

6. That in addition to this amount, we put forth an extra and earnest effort to raise our proportion of the Centenary Fund of $1,000,000 to endow the Board, which proportion amounts to $11,000. In this connection attention is called to the articles in the Church at Home and Abroad for September, pp., 209 and 261, and it is recommended these articles be read to the Sessions of the churches by the Pastors or Moderators thereof. Attention is also called to the report of the special Committee on the Centenary Fund. Sessions should calculate their several proportions and endeavor to raise at least those amounts.

Resolved, That, whereas the recent action of the General Government, forbidding instruction in native languages in Indian schools debars our missionaries from the use of the Dakota Bible, etc., in their schools, and in other ways greatly hinders their work, our Delegates to the Synod be instructed to move that body to a respectful but strong protest against this action of the Government.

New members of Committee on Ministerial Relief.

The names of Elders Edmund S. Mills and Henry M. Lester were substituted for those of Elders Edward Wells and Ralph E. Prime on the Committee on Ministerial Relief.

The Committee on Education made a verbal report.

Order of the day.

Reports on Committee on Sessional Records were made the second order for this afternoon.

Call of Mahopac Falls Church—Rev. A. Miller.

A call from the Mahopac Falls church for the pastoral services of Rev. Alex. Miller of the Presbytery of Brooklyn was presented. The call was found in order and laid on the table.

Report of Committee on Finance.

The Committee on Finance made a report approving the Treasurer's account, which was accepted and adopted.

A recess was taken until 2 P. M.

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Presbytery met.

Election of Delegates to Synod

The following were elected Delegates to the Synod of New York:

PRINCIPALS.

Ministers.	*Ruling Elders.*
William Hart Dexter,	Joseph H. Crane,
J. Aspinwall Hodge,	Edmund S. Mills,
John H. Eastman,	John G. Clark,
George W. F. Birch,	Harrison Travis,
William J. Cumming,	Sanford R. Knapp,
J. Ritchie Smith,	David F. Hollister,
Daniel N. Freeland.	Caleb E. Garey.

ALTERNATES.

Ministers.	*Ruling Elders.*
William B. Waller,	Charles R. Otis,
Harris R. Schenck,	George W. Carpenter,
Thornton M. Niven,	Edward Wells,
George Nixon,	Thomas Gilbert,
Andrew B. Morse,	Theodore Gilman,
John S. Allen,	James O. Eggleston,
Edward C. Moore.	Clarence L. Reid.

Of the Principals, the first four Ministers of the above delegation were chosen for two years, and the remaining three for one year; also the first three Ruling Elders were chosen for two years, and the remaining four for one year.

Report of Committee on Presbyterial Visitation.

The Committee on Presbyterial Visitation made a report which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows:

1. In accordance with the action taken last year, your Committee recommend that the following churches be visited by Committee during the coming autumn and winter, viz.: Bedford, Bethany, Bridgeport, Croton Falls, Darien, Gilead, Greenburgh, Greenwich, Hartford, Huguenot Memorial, Irvington, Katonah, Mahopac Falls and Mt. Kisco, and that your committee be instructed to confer with the Sessions of these churches and make arrangement for such visitation. It is also recommended that any churches desiring a Committee of Visitation may have one appointed by application to the Committee.

2. Your Committee also recommends that a Day of Prayer be observed by the Presbytery, Tuesday, Nov. 15th, and that the Ministers of our Presbytery, and all the Ruling Elders in our churches be earnestly invited to meet in the Presbyterian Church at New Rochelle, and that the Committee be instructed to make arrangements for the services and to give due notice to the Sessions

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of our churches. In case of such service be held, your Committee recommend that the Pastor be requested to have the luncheon provided that day consist simply of sandwiches and coffee.

Report of Committee on Freedmen.

The Committee on Freedmen made a report, which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows:

Your Committee recommend—

1. "That we hail as a significant sign of the times, Woman's Work for Women, and we ask the hearty co-operation of the women of all our churches in the educational work of this Board.

2. "That all Ministers be urged to acquaint their people fully with our work among the Freedmen, and appeal to them to devise liberal things in aid of this cause." (Minutes, G. A. 1887, p 79.)

3. That this Presbytery endeavor to increase its total offering to this Board by at least one-third.

Report of Committee on Systematic Beneficence.

The Committee on Systematic Benificence made a report, which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows:

1. We call attention to the Centenary Offering and trust that our Pastors and congregations will thus signalize their appreciation of the favor which God has shown our Presbyterian Zion. This Centennial Contribution will require an average contribution per church member of about $7.16. On this ratio the Presbytery of Westchester should contribute to the Centenary Fund not less than $45,000.

2. We urge a hearty compliance on the part of the churches with the demands of the New York Synodical Fund of 15 cents per member.

3. According to the resolutions adopted by the last General Assembly the the minimum amounts required by the following Boards will average as follows per member:

Home Missions	$1 14
Foreign Missions	1 43
Publication	14
Church Erection	21
Ministerial Relief	21

Report of Committee on Sabbath Schools.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools made a report, which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows:

We would call attention to certain new measures adopted by the last General Assembly looking to increased efficiency in the Sabbath schoot work.

1. The General Assembly has made radical changes in the administration of the Board of Publication with which the Sabbath school work is associated. (Minutes, G. A., 1887, p. 51.)

2. The General Assembly has also directed the consolidation of the Presbyterial Committees on Publication and Sabbath Schools

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into one committee, which is hereafter to be called the Committee on Publication and Sabbath School Work. (Minutes, G. A., 1887, p. 52.)

3. Your Committee would also call attention to the recommendation of the General Assembly concerning the collection to be taken in the churches hereafter for the Board of Publication. (Minutes, G. A., 1887, p. 51, Resolution 4.)

4. Also would call attention the recommendation concerning the support of Sabbath schools and the education of the children in the practice of benificence. (Minutes, G. A., 1887, p. 122, Res. 10.)

5. Also to the per cent. apportionment designated to this cause where the General Assembly's plan for systematic beneficence is carried out. Three per cent. is apportioned. (Minutes, G. A., 1887, p. 122, Res. 8.)

6. In conclusion and to facilitate the appointment of a single committee for the consolidated department of Sabbath schools and publication work, the Sabbath school Committee hereby tenders its resignation to the Presbytery.

Dissolution—Rev. F. S. Barnum and Thompsonville Church.

Rev. Frederick S. Barnum requested the dissolution of the pastoral relation existing between himself and the First Presbyterian Church of Thompsonville, Conn., the dissolution to take effect Dec. 20th, 1887.

The church was heard through its Commissioners, and signified that it united with Mr. Barnum in the request.

Resolved. 1. That, in view of the request of the Pastor of the Thompsonville Church and the concurrence of the congregation therein, the pastoral relation be dissolved.

2. That we regret the necessity for it and extend to the church and to Brother Barnum our warmest sympathies.

Rev. Frederick S. Barnum was appointed to declare the pulpit vacant, Rev. J. Aspinwall Hodge was appointed Moderator of Session, and the church was granted leave to supply the pulpit until the next Stated Meeting of the Presbytery.

Reports of Committees on Sessional Records.

The Sessional Records of the following churches were approved: Poundridge, Huguenot Memorial, Hartford, Gilead, Patterson, White Plains, Bethany, Thompsonville, Greenburgh, Stamford, West Farms, Yonkers, 1st, Bridgeport, New Rochelle, Katonah,

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Peekskill, 1st, Yorktown, Dayspring, Peekskill, 2nd, Mt. Kisco, Sing Sing, Westminster, Greenwich, Throgg's Neck, South East Centre, Darien, South Salem, Rye, Mahopac Falls, Mt. Vernon 1st.

Sessional Records of the Port Chester church were passed, as they were in the hands of the Judicial Committee.

The following churches failed to present their records, and they were directed to present them at the Intermediate Meeting: Tremont, South East, Pott's Memorial, Riverdale, Croton Falls, Irvington, Bedford, Pleasantville, New Haven, and North Salem.

Report of Committee on Publication.

The Committee on Publication made a report, which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows:

1. The Committee call attention to the re-organization of the Board by the General Assembly (Minutes, G. A., 1887, pp. 51-52.

2. That in order to carry into effect the recommendation of the General Assembly merging the Sabbath school work with the missionary work of the Board of Publication, the Committee on Publication resign, as the Committee on Sabbath Schools have done, that the Presbytery may appoint a new committee to be called the Committee on Publication and Sabbath School Work.

A committee consisting of Rev. Messrs. Frederick S. Barnum and Daniel N. Freeland, and Ruling Elder Henry White was appointed to nominate a Committee on Publication and Sabbath School Work.

Transfer of churches in 23d and 24th Wards N. Y City.

A motion to request the Synod of New York to transfer the Tremont church to the Presbytery of New York was referred to a committee consisting of the Committee on Church Extension and the Pastors of the churches in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards of the city of New York.

This Committee made a report, which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee recommend that this Presbytery offer no objection to the Synod to the transfer of the churches of this Presbytery situated in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards of New York City.

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North Salem—Aid from Synodical Aid Fund.

The North Salem church was recommended for aid from the Synodical Aid Fund to the amount of $125, for six months, commencing Nov. 1st.

Permission to supply pulpits.

The North Salem, South Salem, Rye, Mahopac Falls, and Mt. Vernon, 1st, churches were granted permission to supply their pulpits until the next Stated Meeting of the Presbytery.

Moderators—Vacant churches.

The following were appointed Moderators of Sessions of Vacant Churches:

Rev. Elias S. Schenck—North Salem.
Rev. John H. Eastman—South Salem.
Rev. William Life—Rye.
Rev. Robert P. Gibson—Mahopac Falls.
Rev. William B. Waller—Mt. Vernon, 1st.

Vacancy in Committee in Aid for Colleges filled.

Rev. John Reid was appointed to fill the vacancy nn the Committee on Aid for Colleges, occasioned by the death of Rev. Charles W. Baird.

A recess was taken until 7:30 P. M.

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The Presbytery met.

Popular Meeting — Ministerial Relief.

A popular meeting was held in the interest of Ministerial Relief, and addresses were delivered by Rev. Messrs John H. Eastman and Edgar L. Heermance and Ruling Elders Henry White and Daniel E. Provost.

The Committee on Presbyterial Visitation was directed to instruct the sub-committees to give attention to the subject of systematic beneficence.

The minutes of to-day's sessions were read and approved.

Adjourned until 8:30 A. M. to-morrow.

Closed with prayer.

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Thursday, Oct. 6th, 8:30 A. M.

The Presbytery met and spent and hour in devotional exercises.

The calling of the roll was dispensed with.

Ruling Elder John Miller, Jr., of the Port Chester church, appeared and was enrolled.

Report of Committee on Church Erection.

The Committee on Church Erection made a report, which was accepted, adopted and is as follows:

The Committee recommend that the action of the General Assembly, as stated on p. 115 of the Minutes of 1887, be endorsed by this Presbytery and urged upon the careful attention of all churches.

Report of Committee on Judicial Business.

The Committee on Judicial Business made a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Two matters, distinct yet related, have been referred to the Committee.

1. A communication dated "First Congregational Church, Port Chester, N. Y., Oct. 3d, 1887," and addressed "To the Presbytery of Westchester," signed by five names as the Standing Committee of the church. This paper recites the various steps taken in the organization of the church, and states that during the past summer application was made by about twenty members of the Presbyterian Church of Port Chester to the Session for letters of dismissal. This application was refused in every case upon the ground that no church was designated to which the letter of dismissal should be addressed, as required by law. Shortly thereafter the Clerk of the Congregational Church was directed to notify the Session of the Presbyterian Church that certain persons have united with the said Congregational Church and are upon its roll. Ten days later the Session of the Presbyterian Church sent to these persons a circular letter, informing them that their action was disorderly, and, further, refusing to recognize the "First Congregational Church of Port Chester," because it had not been recognized or constituted by a council. The conclusion of the communication read thus:

"On account of the action taken by the Session of the Presbyterian Church of Port Chester, N. Y., under date of July 7th and 23d, 1887, as given above, we believe that some persons, hindered by their present relations, are deterred from uniting with this church and we feel that the cause of religion is being retarded.

"We, therefore, most kindly and earnestly call your attention to the matter herein presented, hoping that by your wise counsels, the common cause, in which, as professing Christians, we are all engaged, may prosper in our midst and may bring forth fruit abundantly."

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We believe that there is no dispute about the facts of the case. We recommend that the Presbytery return the following answer to the communication:

Reply to communication from First Congregational Church — Port Chester, N. Y.

To Messrs. N. C. Pond, A. M. Drummond, S. D. Slater, W. C. Poor, C. S. Whitney:

BRETHREN:—We have received a communication signed by you as the "Standing Committee" of the "First Congregational Church of Port Chester, N. Y." In answer, we have to say that if there are parties, who feel themselves aggrieved by the action of the Session of the Presbyterian Church at Port Chester, as indicated by your paper, they may make application to that Session in due form for letters of dismissal and recommendation to any evangelical church, and if their application be refused, they will have the right to complain to the Presbytery. There is no case at present before the Presbytery.

Fraternally yours,

——— Stated Clerk.

2. The second matter referred to the Committee is a reference from the Session of the church at Port Chester.

In May and June last charges were preferred before the Session against Ruling Elders A. M. Drummond and N. C. Pond, and were found in order. The Elders accused claimed the right to sit and vote in all matters, and, when it was denied, refused to appear before the Session. Having been twice cited and failing to appear, they were suspended for contumacy. Counsel was appointed, and the charges in both cases were tried by the Session, with the Rev. George Nixon as Moderator. After the evidence was all taken, it was voted that in each case the evidence be submitted to the Presbytery of Westchester for judgment.

The Committee recommend that the matter be remitted to the Session of the church, with instruction to proceed to judgment in both cases; provided that inasmuch as Elders Drummond and Pond have united with a church styled the "First Congregational Church of Port Chester," the Session may, if they think best, decline to proceed further in the trial of their cases, and simply order their names to be dropped from the roll, according to the provisions of the Book of Discipline, Chap. VII, Sect. 52.

Vote of thanks.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Presbytery are tendered to the officers of the church, including the Pastor, to the families of the congregation and other Christian people of this place for their graceful and hearty hospitality.

The Port Chester church was directed to present its Sessional Records at the Intermediate Meeting for examination.

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Report of Committee on Leave of Absence.

The Committee on Leave of Absence made a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

They had granted leave of absence to:

Ministers—J. Howard Hobbs, Washington Choate, Andrew B. Morse, Charles Payson Mallery, Henry A. Davenport, William B. Waller, Arthur Requa, John Reid, Edward C. Moore, Richard P. H. Vail, Manfred P. Welcher; and to

Ruling Elders—Henry White, Nathan Johnson, John Callan, David F. Hollister, Harrison Travis, David Travis, Edwin A. Slosson, Clarence L. Reid, William Smith, Theodore Gilman, Thomas Gilbert, James C. Jones.

Roll.

The roll was called and the following persons recorded as having withdrawn from Sessions of Presbytery with out leave:

Ministers—David A. Holbrook, Ira S. Dodd, John S. Penman; and

Ruling Elders—Daniel B. Rockwell, Edwin A. Knapp, Robert Lounsbury, A. Noel Blakeman.

The Presbytery Adjourned to meet in the Gilead Presbyterian Church, Carmel, N. Y., on January 17th, 1888.

Closed with singing, prayer, and the benediction.

WILLIAM J. CUMMING,
Stated Clerk.

GEORGE W. F. BIRCH,
Permanent Clerk.

OFFICERS OF THE PRESBYTERY.

Moderator—Rev. James G. Rodger, New Haven, Conn.; Stated Clerk—Rev. William J. Cumming, Yorktown, N. Y.; Permanent Clerk and Treasurer—Rev. George W. F. Birch, 181 Willis Avenue, New York City.

CARMEL, N. Y., January 17, 1888.

The Presbytery of Westchester met, agreeably to appointment, in the Presbyterian Church, Carmel, N. Y., on Tuesday, January 17, 1888, at 11:30 A. M.

It was constituted with prayer by the Moderator, Rev. James G. Rodger.

The roll was called and the following found to be present:

Ministers.	*Churches.*	*Ruling Elders.*
Daniel N. Freeland,	Huguenot Mem'l,	Nathan Johnston,
Andrew B. Morse,		
J. Aspinwall Hodge,	Hartford,	
Rollin A. Sawyer,	Gilead,	Harrison Travis,
Isaac L. Kip,	Patterson,	
Edgar L. Heermance,	White Plains,	Oliver R. Willis,
Thornton M. Niven,	Greenburgh,	
Alexander Miller,		
Robt. P. Gibson,	Croton Falls,	
Anthony W. Colver,		
John Reid,	Yonkers, 1st,	
John H. Eastman,	Katonah,	
Washington Choate,	Irvington,	
	Peekskill, 1st,	Sanford R. Knapp,
James H. Hoyt,	Bedford,	David Travis,
Wm. J. Cumming,	Yorktown,	Henry White,
Charles E. Allison,	Dayspring,	
Irving E. White,	Peekskill, 2nd,	
Manfred P. Welcher,	Pleasantville,	William H. Gates,
Harris R. Schenck,	Mt. Kisco,	Joseph H. Crane,
James G. Rodger,	New Haven, 1st,	
	Throggs Neck,	Charles H. Randall,
Wm. Hart Dexter,	South East Centre,	
Arthur Requa,	Darien,	
	Mahopac Falls,	Robt. W. Lounsbury.
22		10

Total present.....32

Ministers Absent.—James Ely, William Patterson, Elias S. Schenck, Isaac S. Davison, Chauncey D. Rice, William W. Whipple, Hugh A. McKelvey, Charles E. Lindsley, Wilson Phraner, David Murdoch, James Morton, William Life, Talmon C. Perry, Edward T. Bromfield, Addison D. Madeira, Edward B. Allen, Frederick S. Barnum, David A. Holbrook, Henry M. Baird, Homer S. Newcomb, Christopher R. Brown, Charles H. Riggs, Richard P. H. Vail, Marcellus Bowen, Henry A. Davenport, William B. Waller, R. Randall Hoes, Willis W. Dowd, J. Ritchie Smith, William K. Eddy, Charles P. Fagnani, Franklin B. Dwight, Edward C. Moore, John Howard Hobbs, John S. Allen, John S. Penman. 36.

Churches not Represented.—Pound Ridge, North Salem, Hartford, South East, Patterson, Greenburgh, Stamford, Croton Falls, Yonkers 1st, Bridgeport 1st, New Rochelle, Katonah,

Irvington, Port Chester, Dayspring, Peekskill, 2nd, Sing Sing, Westminster, New Haven, 1st, Greenwich, South East Centre, Darien, South Salem, Rye, Mt. Vernon, 1st, Thompsonville, 26.

Excused.—Rev. Messrs. Willis W. Dowd, Frederick S. Barnum, John S. Allen, Franklin B. Dwight, and Ruling Elder, Theodore Gilman, of Yonkers, 1st.

Rev. Alexander Miller was received by letter of dismission from the Presbytery of Brooklyn.

The following were invited to sit as corresponding members:

Rev. George W. F. Birch, of Presbytery of New York; Rev. Thomas S. Bond, of New York M. E. Conference; Prof. George C. Smith, New York M. E. Conference.

Official notice from the Stated Clerk of the Synod of New York, of the transfer by that body to the Presbytery of New York, of the Bethany, Potts Memorial, Tremont, West Farms, and Riverdale Churches and their pastors, Rev. Messrs. George W. F. Birch, Lawrence P. Cummings, George Nixon, Charles Payson Mallery, and Ira S. Dodd, and that the territory of the Presbytery of New York shall henceforth be coterminous with the city limits, was read.

It was ordered that the names of the above churches and ministers be stricken from the roll.

A call from the First Church of Mt. Vernon, N. Y., for the pastoral services of Rev. Charles Stoddard Lane, of Unionville, Conn., was read, approved, and laid on the table.

The Committee of Arrangements reported, recommending that:

A recess be taken at 1 P. M. for dinner.

The following persons were appointed the Stand-

ing Committee on Publication and Sabbath-school work:

Ministers.—Franklin B. Dwight, Robert P. Gibson, William Hart Dexter.

Ruling Elders.—Henry White, Henry M. Lester.

The Committee on Ministerial Relief was authorized to draw upon the treasury of the Presbytery for expenses, to the amount of $20.

Rev. Edgar L. Heermance requested the dissolution of the pastoral relation existing between himself and the church at White Plains; the church was heard through commissioners, who signified its assent to the request.

On motion the request was granted.

Rev. Messrs. Rollin A. Sawyer and Washington Choate were appointed a committee to draft an appropriate minute.

Rev. Manfred P. Welcher was appointed to preach, and declare the pulpit vacant on the first Sunday of February.

Rev. Manfred P. Welcher was appointed Moderator of the Session.

The Session was granted permission to supply the pulpit until the next Stated Meeting of Presbytery.

The committee to draft a minute made a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

In granting the urgent request of the Rev. Edgar S. Heermance, in which the Church concurs, for the dissolution of his pastorate, which has continued for fourteen years over the church at White Plains, the Presbytery would record its action with the following expression of earnest and unanimous sentiment, viz.:

1. To Mr. Heermance, whose long pastorate, giving evidence of eminent ability, fidelity and zeal, has also endeared him personally to the members of this body and made him the friend of his people in a peculiar and tender way. His release from this pastorate is not a separation from the Presbytery, and our loss is less than that of the church he has so long served with devoted spirit and unselfish aims.

2. And also to the church, so long under one ministry as to make it not easy to change. The expression of personal regard, and confidence, and affection towards its late pastor, in view of this separation gives promise of unity and loyalty to their pastor in the future.

Commending them to God and the word of His grace, and wishing our brother every comforting consideration and the largest usefulness in his ministry, the Presbytery terminates this, one of its longest pastorates, because of the joint request of pastor and people leaves it no alternative action.

It was ordered that copies of the above minutes be sent to Mr. Heermance, and to the White Plains Church.

The Committee on Finance made a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Receipts, including balance on hand, from October 6, 1887, to date	$374.34
Expenditures	331.49
Balance on hand	$42.85

The committee recommended the adoption of the report, and the approval of Dr. Birch's care and fidelity during the period of his treasurership.

Rev. George W. F. Birch, Permanent Clerk and Treasurer, presented his resignation of both offices, because of his transfer to the Presbytery of New York.

The choice of a Permanent Clerk and Treasurer was referred to a committee, consisting of Rev. Messrs. J. Aspinwall Hodge and William J. Cumming, and Elder David Travis.

The call of the Mahopac Falls Church (p. 17), was put into the hands of Rev. Alexander Miller, and accepted.

Rev. Messrs. Washington Choate and Alexander Miller, and Elder Robert W. Lounsbury, were appointed a committee to make arrangements for the installation.

The committee made a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Time.—Wednesday, February 1, at 11 A. M. To preside and propound the constitutional questions, the Moderator.

Sermon.—Rev. Rollin A. Sawyer, alternate Rev. William Hart Dexter; Charge to Pastor, Rev. Robert P. Gibson, alternate Rev. William J. Cumming; Charge to People, Rev. Daniel N. Freeland, alternate Rev. James H. Hoyt.

The following were appointed to serve on Committees on Sessional Records :

Rev. Charles E. Allison, New Haven, 1st; Rev. Harris R. Schenck, Croton Falls.

The Presbytery having heard that a council is to be called to organize a Congregational Church at Port Chester, N. Y.,

It was resolved that Rev. William B. Waller and Elder William H. Parsons be appointed a committee to consider the matter, and, if expedient, to represent the Presbytery at the council.

Rev. James Morton was at his own request dismissed to the Presbytery of New York.

Recess was taken until 2 P. M.

2 P. M.

Presbytery met.

Sessional Records of the Croton Falls, Irvington, Bedford, Pleasantville, and New Haven First Churches, were approved.

Patterson was chosen as the place of the Intermediate Meeting.

Rev. Franklin B. Dwight was appointed chairman of Committee on Systematic Beneficence, in place of Rev. George W. F. Birch.

On recommendation of committee, Rev. John H. Eastman was elected Permanent Clerk, and Rev. William J. Cumming, Treasurer.

Rev. Messrs. Robert P. Gibson, Harris R. Schenck, and Manfred P. Welcher were appointed a commit-

tee to draft a minute upon the publication of improper advertisements in our religious papers.

The Treasurer was authorized to receive the assessment from the First Church of Morrisania, (known to this Presbytery as the Potts Memorial.)

On motion, the First Church of Mt. Vernon, N. Y., was assessed $10.

The thanks of the Presbytery were voted to the officers and members of the Carmel Church, for their kind hospitality.

A resolution of hearty thanks to Rev. George W. F. Birch, for his faithful and efficient services as Permanent Clerk and Treasurer, were adopted.

The minutes were read and approved.

Presbytery adjourned to meet at Mt. Kisco, N. Y., Tuesday, April 17, 1888.

W. J. Cumming,
Stated Clerk.

John H. Eastman,
Permanent Clerk.

MT. VERNON, N. Y., March 29, 1888.

Presbytery of Westchester met at Mt. Vernon, N. Y., Thursday, March 29, 1888, at 3 P. M., pursuant to the following call:

At the request of two Ministers and two Elders, the Elders being of different congregations, in accordance with Form of Government X, 10, a special meeting of this Presbytery will be held at Mt. Vernon, N. Y., Thursday, March 29, 1888, at 3 P. M., to issue the following business:

1. If the way be clear, to receive Rev. Charles S. Lane and to make arrangements for his installation on the evening of the same day, as pastor of the First Church of Mt. Vernon.

2. To take action on the request of Rev. Manfred P. Welcher for the dissolution of pastoral relation existing between himself and the Pleasantville Church.

JAMES G. RODGER, *Moderator*,
Presbytery of Westchester.

New Haven, Conn., March 1, 1888.

In the absence of the Moderator, Rev. James G. Rodger, the Rev. Manfred P. Welcher, the last Moderator present, occupied the chair, and opened the meeting with prayer.

The roll was called and the following found to be present:

Ministers.	*Churches.*	*Ruling Elders.*
	Poundridge,	John C. Rockwell,
Elias S. Schenck,	North Salem,	
Daniel N. Freeland,	Huguenot Mem'l,	Nathan Johnston,
Edgar L. Heermance,		
Thornton M. Niven,	Greenburgh,	
	Bridgeport, 1st,	Francis W. Marsh,
William B. Waller,	New Rochelle,	John G. Ross,
John H. Eastman,	Katonah,	
Willis W. Dowd,	Port Chester,	Noah W. Mosher,
Wm. J. Cumming,	Yorktown,	
Manfred P. Welcher,	Pleasantville,	William H. Gates,
Harris R. Schenck,	Mt. Kisco,	Harrison Teller,
J. Howard Hobbs,	Greenwich,	Edward B. Christy,
Arthur Requa,	Darien,	
	Mt. Vernon, 1st.	Frank R. Chambers.
12		9

Total present.....21

The excuse of Rev. John Reid for absence was presented and sustained.

Rev. Horace L. Singleton, D. D., of the Presbytery of Maryland, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Rev. Charles S. Lane was received by letter from the Hartford South Association, after answering in the affirmative the first seven questions of Form of Government, XV, 12, and it was ordered that his name be enrolled.

A call from First Church of Mt. Vernon, for the pastoral services of Mr. Lane, was taken from the table (p. 4) and placed in his hands. Having signified his acceptance of the same, a committee consisting of Rev. Messrs. J. Howard Hobbs, and Charles S. Lane, and Elder Frank R. Chambers, was appointed to make arrangements for the installation of Mr. Lane. The committee was given leave to retire.

The chair was taken by Rev. Harris R. Schenck.

Rev. Manfred P. Welcher requested the dissolution of the pastoral relation existing between himself and the Pleasantville Church. Commissioners were heard. Minutes of the Congregational Meeting were read, also communications from the Ladies' Helping Hand, and Session, and Trustees, in regard to indebtedness of the congregation to Mr. Welcher.

On motion the request was granted, to take effect May 6.

Rev. Harris R. Schenck was appointed to declare the pulpit vacant on May 13. He was also appointed Moderator of the Session.

A motion to appoint a committee of four Ministers and one Elder to confer with the Pleasantville Church, in regard to the liquidation of the debt to the pastor, was referred to a committee consisting of Rev. Messrs. Edgar L. Heermance, John H. Eastan, and Daniel N. Freeland.

Committee to make arragements for the installation of Mr. Lane made a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Time.—This evening at 7:30 o'clock. Reading Scriptures, Rev. J. Howard Hobbs; to preside and propound the constitutional questions, the Moderator; Sermon, Rev. Samuel M. Hamilton, D. D., of the Presbytery of New York, by invitation; Charge to the pastor, Rev. Frank M. Carson, of the Presbytery of North River, by invitation; Charge to the people, Rev. William B. Waller; Prayer of Installation, Rev. Wm. J. Cumming.

Committee to which was referred the resolution in regard to the Pleasantville Church, made a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Your committee recommended, 1. That Presbytery urgently advises the officers and members of the Pleasantville Church and congregation to make a determined effort to immediately discharge the money debt due Mr. Welchler.

2. That a committee of three Ministers and two Elders be appointed to convey the above resolution to the parties named, and to do what they deem proper to help the church take the action we recommend.

3. That these resolutions, by the direction of the Presbytery, be read to the congregation at a Sunday morning service, the time to be left to the discretion of Mr. Welcher.

Rev. Messrs. Franklin B. Dwight, William Hart Dexter, and Harris R. Schenck, and Elders Stanton Cady and Harrison Teller were appointed such committee.

Minutes were read and approved.

Adjourned.

Closed with prayer.

W. J. CUMMING,
Stated Clerk.

J. H. EASTMAN,
Permanent Clerk.

Mt. Kisco, N. Y., April 17, 1888.

The Presbytery of Westchester met agreeably to appointment in the Presbyterian Church, Mt. Kisco, N. Y., April 17, 1888, at 3:45 P. M., and was opened with singing and constituted with prayer by the Moderator, Rev. James G. Rodger.

The roll was called and the following found to be present:

Ministers.	*Churches.*	*Ruling Elders.*
	Poundridge,	John C. Rockwell,
Elias S. Schenck,	North Salem,	James O. Eggleston,
Dan'l N. Freeland,(2),	Huguenot Mem'l,	Nathan Johnston, (2),
William Life, (2),		
Andrew B. Morse,		
J. Aspinwall Hodge,	Hartford,	Alexander Spence.
Rollin A. Sawyer, (2),	Gilead,	William H. Foster,
Isaac L. Kip, (2),	Patterson,	Orson W. Sloat, (2),
Edgar L. Heermance,		
Fred'k S. Barnum,		
Thornton M. Niven,	Greenburg,	Campyon Cutter.
Alexander Miller,	Mahopac Falls,	James F. Kennard,
	Stamford,	Thomas G. Ritch, (2),
Robert P. Gibson,	Croton Falls,	Alb't Chamberlain,(2),
Anthony W. Colver,		
John Reid, (2),	Yonkers, 1st,	John W. Skinner,
Henry A Davenport,	Bridgeport, 1st,	Richard H Townsend,
William A. Waller,	New Rochelle,	John A. Offord, (2),
John H. Eastman,	Katonah,	Joseph Barrett,
Willis W. Dowd, (2),	Port Chester,	John Miller, Jr , (2),
J. Ritchie Smith,	Peekskill, 1st,	Sanford R. Knapp,
James H. Hoyt,	Bedford,	John G. Clark,
Wm. J. Cumming,	Yorktown,	Enos Lee,
Charles E. Allison,	Dayspring,	
Irving E. White,	Peekskill, 2nd,	Milton Frost,
Manfred P. Welcher,	Pleasantville,	Willet C. Brown, (2),
Harris R. Schenck,	Mt. Kisco,	Joseph Banks.
Frankl'n B. Dwight,(2),	Sing Sing,	Stanton Cady, (2).
Edward C. Moore,	Westminster,	Jas. R. McWilliam, (2),
Charles S. Lane,	Mt. Vernon, 1st,	A. Noel Blakeman,(2),
James G. Rodger,	New Haven, 1st,	
John S. Allen,	Throggs Neck,	Mervin R. Baxter, (3),
W. Hart Dexter,	South East Centre,	Warren S. Paddock,(2)
Arthur Requa,	Darien,	James C. Jones.
John S. Penman, (2),		
William Gardner,		
	South Salem,	Edwin Bouton,
	Rye,	William H. Parsons.
	Thompsonville,	Andrew Sloane,
	White Plains,	Oliver R. Willis.
34		31

Total present.....65

Ministers Absent.—James Ely, William Patterson, Isaac S. Davison, Chauncey D. Rice, William W. Whipple, Hugh A. McKelvey, Charles E. Lindsley, Wilson Phraner, David Murdoch, Talmon C. Perry, Edward T. Bromfield, Addison D. Madeira, Edward B. Allen, David A. Holbrook, Henry M. Baird, Homer S. Newcomb, Christopher R. Brown, Charles H. Riggs, Richard P. H. Vail, Marcellus Bowen, R. Randall Hoes, Washington Choate, William K. Eddy, Charles P. Fagnani, John Howard Hobbs. 25.

Churches not Represented.—South East, Irvington, Dayspring, Greenwich, New Haven, 1st. 5.

Excused for absence from this Meeting.—Isaac L. Kip, Isaac S. Davison, Addison D. Madeira, Richard P. H. Vail, Marcellus Bowen, J. Howard Hobbs, Wilson Phraner.

Excused for absence from Fall Stated Meeting.—Robert P. Gibson, Anthony W. Colver.

Excused for absence form Intermediate Meeting.—Elias S. Schenck, Henry A. Davenport, William B. Waller, J. Ritchie Smith, Edward C. Moore.

Rev. Edward C. Moore was elected Moderator and Elder Sanford R. Knapp, Temporary Clerk.

Committee of Arrangements presented a report which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Tuesday, 7:30 P. M., sermon by the retiring Moderator, Rev. James G. Rodger, on Presbyterianism in New England.

Wednesday, 8:30 to 9:30 A. M., devotional exercises; 12:30 to 2 P. M., recess; 2:30 to 3 P. M., ordination of licentiate William Gardner; 3 to 4 P. M., service in In Memoriam to the late Rev. Carson W. Adams—address by Rev. J. Aspinwall Hodge; 4 to 5:30 P. M., centennial celebration—extracts from the history of the Presbytery by the Historian, Rev. W. J. Cumming; 6 to 7:30 P. M., recess; 7:30 P. M., a popular meeting in the interest of temperance—addresses by Rev. Messrs. Franklin B. Dwight, Irving E. White, and J. Ritchie Smith.

The minutes of the Fall Stated, January Intermediate, and Special Meetings were read for information and the record of the last day's session of the Fall Stated Meeting was approved.

Rev. George W. Terbush, of the New York Conference of the M. E. Church, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The Stated Clerk presented a Missionary's Complaint and Appeal. It was referred to the Judicial Committee.

Papers on Presbyterian Ministers' Fund was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

Report from Auburn Theological Seminary was referred to the Committee on Education.

Reports of ministerial labor from Rev. Messrs. Wilson Phraner and Addison D. Madeira were read.

Committee to install Rev. Alexander Miller at Mahopac Falls, reported the due performance of that duty on February 1, 1888. Report accepted.

Committee to prepare a minute on the death of Rev. Carson W. Adams, reported the performance of that duty. Report was accepted, and it was ordered that the minute be read in the afternoon.

Committee to install Rev. Charles S. Lane as pastor of the Mt. Vernon First Church, reported the discharge of that duty as directed on March 29. Report accepted.

Committee to declare the pulpit of the Thompsonville Church vacant, reported the discharge of that duty on December 18, 1887. Report accepted.

Committee to declare the pulpit of the White Plains Church vacant, reported the discharge of that duty the first Sunday of February. Report accepted.

The reading of the narrative was assigned to this evening's session, after the sermon.

An invitation from the New Rochelle Church for the Fall Stated Meeting was accepted.

Consideration of Overture sent down from the General Assembly was made the third order for to-morrow morning.

Committee, to whom was referred the matter of the organization of a Congregational Church at Port Chester, N. Y., made a verbal report. Report accepted and committee continued.

An overture to the General Assembly in regard to the "Consolidated Magazine" was presented. Pending its consideration, Presbytery took a recess.

Recess taken until 7:30 P. M.

Wednesday, 7:30 P. M.

Presbytery met after recess.

Rev. James G. Rodger, the retiring Moderator, preached a sermon on "Presbyterianism in New England." Ezra vi, 7–9.

Narrative of the state of religion was read. It was accepted, adopted and is as follows:

I. *Public Worship.*—All the churches have enjoyed the ordinances of religion throughout the year. An increasing interest in these has been manifested by the larger number. An average attendance of non-professors of about one-third is noticed in nearly all the reports, and a very fair proportion of children.

II. *Sabbath-schools.*—Instruction in the Sabbath-schools has been carried on with regularity and with efficiency. The Westminster Helps are used and the shorter catechism is taught in nearly all our schools.

III. *Meetings for Prayer.*—Of the thirty-five reports sent in, in reference to the prayer meeting service, only three are really discouraging. There are young people's associations and young people's societies of Christian endeavor in several of our churches and these are all flourishing and accomplishing good results.

IV. *Family Religion.*—It is believed that in many households within our bounds, family worship is observed, and with few exceptions the children are presented for baptism.

V. *Benevolence.*—The benevolent work of the church seems to have been, as a general thing, carried forward in a very thorough and systematic manner. Both the congregations and the Sabbath Schools (the latter with very few exceptions), contribute to the various Boards.

VI. *Revivals.*—There has not been anything like an extensive religious awakening in the Presbytery. The largest number received by any one church on profession is forty-eight. This includes the results of the work in a mission chapel connected with the church. Yet there has been a decided religious interest and a steady growth in many of our churches.

VII. *Watch and Care.*—There has been a very marked diligence among the churches generally. There are exceptions, where the oversight has been careful and earnest, but generally there has been only partial care of the flock. Only four cases of discipline are reported, two of which have proved salutary in their results.

VIII. *Miscellaneous.*—Only two churches report the non-fulfillment of financial obligations. Obstacles to the advancement of Christ's Kingdom in some are: Intemperance, Sabbath desecration, absorption in business and social pleasures. Pretty generally there is active effort in behalf of the cause of temperance. Not so much interest in Sabbath observance.

It was ordered that a copy be sent to the General Assembly.

The following committees were announced:

1. BILLS AND OVERTURES.

Ministers.—James G. Rodger, Charles S. Lane, Alexander Miller.

Elders.—Joseph Banks, James O. Eggleston.

2. JUDICIAL BUSINESS.

Ministers.—William B. Waller, Robert P. Gibson, John S. Allen.

Elders.—Enos Lee, Richard H. Townsend.

3. LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

Minister.—Manfred P. Welcher.

Elder.—John G. Clark.

Presbytery then adjourned to 8:30 A. M., to-morrow.

Closed with prayer.

Wednesday, April 18, 8:30 A. M., 1888.

The Presbytery convened and after an hour spent in devotional exercises proceeded to business.

The roll was called and the following, not present yesterday, answered to their names:

Ministers.—Daniel N. Freeland, William Life, Rollin A. Sawyer, Isaac L. Kipp, John Reid, Willis W. Dowd, Franklin B. Dwight, John S. Penman.

Elders.—Nathan Johnston, Orson W. Sloat, Thomas G. Ritch, Albert Chamberlain, John A. Offord, John Miller, Jr., Stanton Cady, James R. McWilliam, A. Noel Blakeman, Mervin R. Baxter, Warren S. Paddock, Willet C. Brown.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

The following persons were placed in nomination as Commissioners to the General Assembly:

Ministers.—John Reid, Edgar L. Heermance, James H. Hoyt, W. Hart Dexter, Thornton M. Niven.

Elders.—Henry M. Lester, Richard R. Tyers, John G. Clark, James O. Eggleston, William H. Parsons.

Presbytery resumed consideration of the proposed overture in regard to the "Consolidated Magazine." A substitute was adopted, appointing a committee to prepare a letter, embodying the substance of the overture, and sending it to the committee in charge of the publication of the magazine. The following were appointed such committee: Rev. Messrs. Edgar L. Heermance and Harris R. Schenck, and Elder William H. Parsons.

Committee on Education presented a report, which was accepted, adopted and is as follows:

The Presbytery has seven candidates under its care:

1. William J. Millar has been studying at Williams College. He has been obliged to suspend his studies on account of the condition of his eyes.

2. Robert R. White is now in the junior class at Amherst College.

3. O. Edward Loe is in the Junior Class at Yale.

4. William W. Ewing, Jr., has been obliged to suspend his studies on account of the condition of his health. The committee recommend that his name be, therefore, dropped from our roll.

5. John Dunlap has taken a post-graduate course at Auburn Theological Seminary.

6 and 7. Hugh L. Hodge and Richard M. Hodge are in their middle year at Princeton and will apply for licensure at the Intermediate Meeting.

Robert R. White only has received aid from the Board during the past year.

Mr. William Gardner, a Licentiate of this Presbytery, is under appointment of the Board of Foreign Missions as a missionary to Korea, and applies for ordination at this meeting of the Presbytery.

During the year ending April 1, 1887, our churches contributed to Education $901, a falling off of $308 as compared with the previous year.

Licentiate William Gardner was then examined with a view to ordination. The sermon was preached before the Presbytery and the various parts of trial were unanimously approved.

Rev. Willis W. Dowd gave excuse for not present-

ing the records of the Port Chester Church at the Intermediate Meeting. Excuse was sustained and records were referred to the Rev. J. Ritchie Smith and Elder Wm. H. Parsons for examination.

Consideration of the overture from General Assembly was postponed until the afternoon session.

Rev. Willis W. Dowd requested the dissolution of the pastoral relation with the Port Chester Church, dissolution to take effect at the close of the month

Elder John Miller, Jr., was heard as the commissioner from the church. He signified the concurrence of the congregation in the request.

The request was granted to take effect at the end of this month.

Rev Frederick S. Barnum was appointed to declare the pulpit vacant on May 6.

Rev. Joseph W. Sanderson, of the Presbytery of Boston; Rev. Andrew Shiland, of the Presbytery of New York; Rev. Lewis H. Reid, of the Presbytery of North River; Rev. George W. F. Birch, of the Presbytery of New York; Rev. John E. Bushnell, of the Fairfield West Association, and Rev. Henry S. Butler, of the Presbytery of Newton, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

A call from the South Salem Church for the pastoral services of the Rev. Manfred P. Welcher, was presented, found in order, and placed in the hands of Mr. Welcher, who signified his acceptance of the same.

Rev. Messrs. John H. Eastman and Manfred P. Welcher, Elder Edwin Bouton were appointed a committee to make arrangements for the installation.

The Committee on Publication and Sabboth-school Work presented a report, which was accepted; and action upon the recommendations was deferred until the Intermediate Meeting in June.

On motion by a unanimous vote the Standing Rule, No. 1, was suspended, and the Intermediate Meeting was appointed for the second Tuesday in June instead of the third.

Report of election of Trustees for the church at Narragansett Pier was made. On motion their election was approved. Their names are as follows: Rev. Messrs. Jeremiah Taylor, J. Aspinwall Hodge, Erskine N. White, Hugh Smythe, Eldridge Mix, Rollin A. Sawyer, Abbott E. Kittredge, Walter D. Buchanan, John Montgomery, Alfred Yoemans, and Messrs. J. H. Pratt, James F. Cross, Samuel Colgate, Edward Austen, Charles E. Greene, S. S. Rodgers.

Committee to report upon the insertion of improper advertisements in religious newspapers submitted a report, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1. That while we gladly recognize the valuable service rendered by religious journals to the cause of religion, and would endeavor to extend their influence for good by commending the best of them to the favor of the churches, nevertheless we earnestly deprecate the prevalence of improper advertisements in their columns. In particular we disapprove of all such advertisements as involve the essential principle of a lottery, also such as promise or encourage investors to expect highly improbable returns from capital invested; and thirdly, all those advertisements of patent medicines, which are either dishonest in form, fradulent in substance, or prejudicial to the purity, modesty and refinement of home life.

Resolved, 2. That we respectfully overture the General Assembly, which meets in Philadelphia in May, to take such action regarding this evil as may seem best suited to accomplish its suppression.

The Stated Clerk was directed to make a correction in the report of Committee on Church Extension, (p. 14,) so that the appropriation the Pelham Manor Church should read $150 instead of $450.

A call from the Rye Church for the pastoral services of Rev. John E. Bushnell was presented,

and found in order. Commissioners from the church were heard, and the call was laid upon the table until Mr. Bushnell can obtain the necessary papers from the Fairfield West Association.

Rev. William Life and Elder William H. Parsons were appointed a committee to make arrangements for the installation of Mr. Bushnell, in case he is received as a member of the Presbytery at the Intermediate Meeting.

Rev. Chauncey D. Rice having requested a letter of dismission to the Tompkins Avenue Congregational Church of Brooklyn, the Stated Clerk was directed to communicate to him the willingness of the Presbytery to give him a letter of dismission to a Congregational Association, and also, if desired, a certificate of his regular standing in our Presbytery.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported that the paper referred to them required no action. Report was accepted.

Recess taken until 2 P. M.

Wednesday, 2 P. M.

Presbytery met

The following were elected as Commissioners to the General Assembly:

PRINCIPALS.

Ministers.	*Ruling Elders.*
John Reid,	Henry M. Lester,
Thornton M. Niven.	John G. Clark.

ALTERNATES.

Ministers.	*Ruling Elders.*
Edgar L. Heermance,	William H. Parsons,
W. Hart Dexter.	Richard R. Tyers.

Mr. James Wood, President of the Westchester County Historical Society, was invited to take part in the Centennial Celebration this afternoon.

Committee on Sessional Records of the Port Chester Church recommended their approval with the exception that no record is made of any communion service. Report accepted and adopted.

Moderators were appointed for the Sessions of vacant churches as follows:

Rev. Elias S. Schenck—North Salem,
Rev. John H. Eastman—South Salem,
Rev. William Life—Rye,
Rev. J. Aspinwall Hodge—Thompsonville,
Rev. Harris R. Schenck—White Plains,
Rev. Franklin B. Dwight—Pleasantville,
Rev. J. Howard Hobbs—Port Chester.

All these churches received permission to supply their pulpits for the next six months.

Committee on the Minutes of the Synod presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

1. No action was taken on the resolution from our Presbytery concerning the action of the General Government, forbidding instruction in the native language in Indian schools, for want of sufficient information.

2. It is directed that the proceedings of congregational meetings be incorporated in the records of Church Sessions. (Minutes of Synod of N. Y., 1887, p. 46; Minutes, G. A., 1887, p. 117.)

Rev. William J. Cumming was appointed a committee to make arrangements for the ordination of Mr. William Gardner.

Committee reported, recommending that Rev. J. Aspinwall Hodge deliver the charge, and that Rev. Lewis H. Reid, of Presbytery of North River, by invitation, offer the ordinary prayer. Report accepted and adopted.

Mr. Gardner was ordained in accordance with

directions of Presbytery, the Moderator propounding the constitutional questions.

On motion the following minutes was adopted:

Presbytery having learned with deep regret of the illness of our beloved father, Rev. William Patterson, for fifty-three years pastor of our church at Pound Ridge—an illness which for a time withdraws him from the active work of his ministry—we wish to assure him of our affectionate remembrance, our sympathy and earnest prayer for his speedy recovery of health. In token of our sympathy and interest, Presbytery appoint the following supplies for his pulpit: May 6, Rev. John H. Eastman; May 13, Rev. Edgar L. Heermance; May 20, Rev. James H. Hoyt; May 27, Rev. J. Ritchie Smith; June 3, Rev. Isaac L. Kip; June 17, Rev. Henry A. Davenport; June 24, Rev. Rollin A. Sawyer.

Presbytery, having received information of the serious illness of Elder Edmund S. Mills of the Dobbs Ferry Church, hereby assures Brother Mills of its deep sympathy and of its fervent prayers for his recovery.

The Stated Clerk was directed to send the former to Mr. Patterson and the Session of the Pound Ridge Church, and the latter to Mr. Mills.

A service in memory of the late Carson W. Adams was then held. Rev. Frederick S. Barnum presided. Rev. Thornton M. Niven read the Scriptures. Prayer was offered by Rev. Edgar L. Heermance, and a memorial address was delivered by Rev. J. Aspinwall Hodge. The service concluded with prayer by Mr Barnum and with the singing of the hymn, "Servant of God, well done!"

Committee to arrange for the installation of Rev. Manfred P. Welcher at South Salem presented a

report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Time.—Tuesday, June 5, at 2 P. M. Moderator to preside and propound the constitutional questions; Sermon, Rev. W. Hart Dexter, alternate Rev. J. Ritchie Smith; Charge to the Pastor, Rev. Irving E. White, alternate Rev. John Reid; Charge to the People, Rev. John H. Eastman, alternate Rev. Elias S. Schenck.

Committee on the Pleasantville Church, (p. 35), made a report which was accepted, adopted and is as follows:

Your committee recommend, that as the Pleasantville Church has promised to raise $500 of the amount now due Rev. Manfred P. Welcher, and as the Church Extension Committee have agreed to raise $440 when Mr. Welcher has received $500 in cash or its equivalent from the Pleasantville Church, therefore, resolved,

1. The affairs of said church be referred to the immediate care of a special committee.

2. That the said committee be instructed to advise with the Session of the Pleasantville Church and take such action as is needful for the supply of the pulpit, if the way be clear.

3. That said committee report to Presbytery at its June meeting.

The committee was reappointed as the special committee called for by Resolution 1.

The hour for the special order of the afternoon having come, Presbytery listened to an address from the Rev. William J. Cumming, Historian of the Presbytery, giving extracts from the history of the Presbytery.

By invitation, an address was also made by Mr. James Wood, President of the Westchester County Historical Society.

A vote of thanks to Mr. Wood for his address was passed by a rising vote.

Committee on Judicial Business presented a report upon the "Complaint of a Missionary" referred to them, recommending that no action be taken. Report adopted.

Committee on Centenary Relief Fund reported progress. Report accepted and committee continued.

Rev. George W. F. Birch made a verbal statement in regard to the Bethany Church, formerly connected with this Presbytery.

Overture sent down from the General Assembly (Minutes 1887, pp. 123 and 124) was taken from the table, and on motion answered in the negative.

Rev. W. Hart Dexter was appointed chairman of the Committee on Systematic Beneficence, in place of Rev. Franklin B. Dwight resigned.

Committee on Leave of Absence made a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

They had granted leave of absence to

Ministers.—Alexander Miller, Willis W. Dowd, James H. Hoyt, John S. Allen, Charles S. Lane, William B. Waller, Isaac L. Kip, James G. Rodger, John Reid, John S. Penman; and to

Ruling Elders.—William H. Parsons, John Miller, Jr., John W. Skinner, James R. McWilliam, Oliver R. Willis, Campyon Cutter, Milton Frost, John A. Offord, Orson W. Sloat, Richard H. Townsend, A. Noel Blakeman, Nathan Johnston, Warren S. Paddock, Joseph Barrett, Willet C. Brown.

Treasurer was directed to pay all necessary bills.

Committee to make arrangements for the installation of Rev. John E. Bushnell, at Rye, made a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Time.—Tuesday, June 12, 1888, 8 P. M. To preside and propound the constitutional questions, the Moderator; Sermon Rev. Timothy Dwight, President of the Yale University, to be invited, alternate Rev. Richard P. H. Vail; Installation Prayer, Rev. J. Aspinwall Hodge, alternate Rev. William B. Waller; Charge to Pastor, Rev. John Reid, alternate Rev. J. Aspinwall Hodge; Charge to People, Rev. Eskine N. White, of the Presbytery of New York, to be invited, alternate Rev. Franklin B. Dwight.

Recess was taken until 7:30 P. M.

Wednesday, 7:30 P. M.

Presbytery met.

A service was held under the auspices of the Committee of Temperance, conducted by Rev. J. Ritchie Smith, chairman.

Scriptures were read and prayer offered by Rev. Manfred P. Welcher.

Addresses were delivered by Rev. Franklin B. Dwight on "Greatness of the Evils of Intemperance," and by Rev. Irving E. White, on "Methods of Reform."

The service was concluded with an address by the chairman, on "The duty of the State.

Committee on Church Extension made a report, recommending the church at Pelham Manor for $100 from Synodical Aid Fund. Report adopted.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Pastor and Session for their attention, to the Trustees for the use of the church building, to the families of the congregation for their large hospitality, and to the ladies for the entertainment provided in the church parlors.

It was ordered that the following overture be sent to the General Assembly :

Whereas, The exportation of intoxicating liquors from the United States and other Christian countries into Africa, especially the new Congo Free State, is effecting, according to the concurrent belief and testimony of missionaries, scientific explorers, foreign representatives, and native and official residents, mighty hindrance to Christian Missions, and utter ruin to multitudes in that country,

We, the Presbytery of Westchester, would re-

spectfully overture the General Assembly to memorialize Congress, now assembled, thereupon, soliciting such action of that honorable body as may at the earliest practicable date, free, as far as posssible, our nation from further participation and guilt in this liquor commerce.

Committee on Home Missions, to whom was referred a letter from Rev. James N. Crocker, Synodical Superintendent, made a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

1. That it will be well for our churches to remember the Synodical Superintendent, that they may communicate with him as to his appointed work, if occasion shall arise.

2. That they should be careful to remember the annual collection for Synodical Aid Fund.

On motion, it was ordered that a request be made to Mr. James Wood for a copy of the historical address delivered by him before the Presbytery this afternoon.

Rev. Franklin B. Dwight was excused for absence from yesterday's session.

Minutes of this day's session were read and approved.

Roll was called, and the following were found to have withdrawn from the sessions of Presbytery without leave:

Ministers.—Daniel N. Freeland, William Life, Rollin A. Sawyer, Robert P. Gibson, William Gardner.

Ruling Elders.—John C. Rockwell, James F. Kennard, Thomas G. Ritch, Albert Chamberlain, John G. Clark, James C. Jones.

Presbytery adjourned to meet at Patterson, N. Y., June 12, 1888.

Closed with singing, prayer, and the benediction.

W. J. CUMMING,
Stated Clerk.

J. H. EASTMAN,
Permanent Clerk.

OFFICERS.

Moderator, Rev. Edward C. Moore, Yonkers, N. Y.; Stated Clerk and Treasurer, Rev. William J. Cumming, Yorktown, N. Y.; Permanent Clerk, Rev. John H. Eastman, Katonah, N. Y.

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1888.

Churches	36	Added on Examination	363
Ministers	59	" " Certificate	321
Licentiates	5	Total Communicants	6,194
Candidates	7	Adults Baptized	123
Elders	142	Infants "	162
Deacons	47	Sunday-school Membership	5,658

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Home Missions	$16,187	Freedmen	$808
Foreign Missions	8,021	Synodical Aid Fund	389
Education	936	Aid for Colleges	483
Publication	757	General Assembly	728
Church Erection	1,056	Congregational	101,763
Relief Fund	10,365	Miscellaneous	14,459
Total			$155,952

PATTERSON, N. Y., June 12, 1888.

Intermediate Meeting, June 12, 1888.

The Presbytery of Westchester met agreeably to appointment in the Presbyterian Church, Patterson, N. J., June 12, 1888, at 11 A. M., and was opened with singing, and constituted with prayer by the Moderator, Rev. Edward C. Moore.

The roll was called and the following were found to be present:

Ministers.	*Churches.*	*Ruling Elders.*
Elias S. Schenck,	North Salem,	James O. Eggleston,
Daniel N. Freeland,	Huguenot-Mem'l,	
J. Aspinwall Hodge,	Hartford,	
	Gilead,	William H. Foster,
Edward B. Allen,	South East,	
Isaac L. Kip,	Patterson,	James A. Merritt,
Thornton M. Niven,	Greenburgh,	
Homer S. Newcomb,		
Richard P. H. Vail,	Stamford,	
Robert P. Gibson,	Croton Falls,	
John Reid,	Yonkers, 1st,	
	Bridgeport, 1st,	Edward P. Bullard,
John H. Eastman,	Katonah,	
Washington Choate,	Irvington,	Geo. A. Chamberlain,
J. Ritchie Smith,	Peekskill, 1st,	Uriah Hill, Jr.,
James H. Hoyt,	Bedford,	John G. Clark,
William J. Cumming,	Yorktown,	
Irving E. White,	Peekskill, 2nd,	Morris E. Clinton,
Harris R. Schenck,	Mt. Kisco,	Joseph Banks,
	Sing Sing,	Theodore F. Brown,
Edward C. Moore,	Westminster,	James Biggertaff,
W. Hart Dexter,	South East Centre,	Warren S. Paddock,
Arthur Requa,	Darien,	
John E. Bushnell,	Rye,	Henry Parsons,
	White Plains,	Lewis M. Fisher.
21		14

Total present.....35

Ministers Absent.—James Ely, William Patterson, Isaac S. Davison, Chauncey D. Rice, William W. Whipple, Hugh A. McKelvey, Charles E. Lindsley, Wilson Phraner, David Murdoch, William Life, Talmon C. Perry, Andrew B. Morse, Rollin A. Sawyer, Edward T. Bromfield, Addison D. Madeira, Frederick S. Barnum, David A. Holbrook, Henry M. Baird, Christopher R. Brown, Charles H. Riggs, Alexander Miller, Anthony W. Colver, Marcellus Bowen, Henry A. Davenport, William B. Waller, R. Randall Hoes, Willis W. Dowd, William K. Eddy, Charles E. Allison, Manfred P. Welcher, Charles P. Fagnani, Franklin B. Dwight, Charles S. Lane, James G. Rodger, J. Howard Hobbs, John S. Allen, John S. Penman, William Gardner. 38.

Churches not Represented.—Pound Ridge, Huguenot-Memorial, Hartford, South East, Greenburgh, Mahopac Falls, Stamford, Croton Falls, Yonkers 1st, New Rochelle, Katonah, Yorktown, Dayspring, South Salem, Mt. Vernon 1st, New Haven 1st, Green-

wich 1st, Throgg's Neck, Darien, Thompsonville, Pleasantville, Port Chester. 22.

Intermediate Meeting, June 12, 1888.

Excused.—Rev. Messrs. Manfred P. Welcher, Henry A. Davenport, John S. Allen, Franklin B. Dwight, Marcellus Bowen.

Committee of Arrangements made a report recommending that a recess be taken from 1 to 1.30 P. M. for luncheon. Adopted.

The Stated Clerk announced the death of Rev. Edgar L. Heermance on April 29.

On motion, Rev. Messrs. Thornton M. Niven, Richard P. H. Vail, and Elder Henry Parsons, were appointed a committee to draft a suitable minute.

Communication from Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Hudson, in reference to that Presbytery, was read.

Mr. J. Hendrik de Vries, a Licentiate, was received by letter of dismission from the Classes of Westchester of the Reformed (D.) Church in America.

Request of Rev. Fred. S. Barnum for a letter of dismission to the Classis of Greene of Reformed (D.) Church in America was granted.

Rev. Messrs. W. Hart Dexter and Robert P. Gibson and Elder John G. Clark were appointed a committee to draft an appropriate minute upon the removal of Mr. Barnum from the Presbytery.

A request from Rev. Rollin A. Sawyer for the dissolution of pastoral relation with the Gilead Church, was read, and, on motion, laid on the table for the present.

A letter from the Fairfield West Association, dismissing Rev. John E. Bushnell to this body, was read, and after examination in theology, which was unanimously sustained, he was received, and his name ordered to be enrolled, having answered affirmatively the first seven questions of Sec. 12, Chap. 15, form of Government.

The Committee on Centenary Fund for Ministerial Relief made a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Intermediate Meeting, June 12, 1888.

In accordance with the Resolution of Oct. 5, 1887 (Minutes, p. 17), we were directed to attempt to raise $11,000. In consequence of the transfer of five churches to the N. Y. Presbytery, our proportion was reduced to $9,817; we have succeeded in reaching nearly $9,000; several churches have not yet reported.

The General Assembly has allowed the books to remain open until Oct. 1st. We therefore request from Presbytery permission to continue our efforts for this fund until that date.

Rev. Franklin B. Dwight, on account of illness, was excused from Committee on Pleasantville Church, and, on motion, Rev. John H. Eastman was appointed in his place.

Committee to prepare a letter to publishing committee of the Church at Home and Abroad was on motion discharged.

Chairman of Committee on Education presented candidates Richard Morse Hodge and Hugh Lenox Hodge for examination for licensure.

Their trial pieces were assigned to committees. Committee on Languages were given permission to conduct examination in private.

Licentiate J. Hendrik de Vries requested examination for ordination.

On motion, his certificate of licensure was received in lieu of examination in languages, natural philosophy, astronomy, and rhetoric, and the sermon.

Rev. Robert J. Creswell, of Presbytery of St. Paul, and Rev. R. Hart Dexter, of Presbytery of Genesee, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

On motion, Mr. Creswell was invited to speak on Home Mission work in the Northwest before the hour of recess.

Rev. Washington Choate presented a request for

dissolution of pastoral relation with the Irvington Church.

Intermediate Meeting, June 12, 1888.

The action of the Church, concurring regretfully in the request, was stated by Elder George A. Chamberlain, representing the Church, and Mr. William A. Burnham, the congregation.

On motion, the request was granted.

Rev. John S. Penman was appointed to preach on June 24, and declare the pulpit vacant.

Rev. Thornton M. Niven was appointed Moderator of the Session of the Irvington Church, and the Church was granted leave to supply its own pulpit until the next Stated Meeting of the Presbytery.

The Stated Clerk was authorized to grant a letter of dismission to such Congregational body as Mr. Choate may desire.

Rev. Messrs. Richard P. H. Vail and James H. Hoyt, and Elder George A. Chamberlain were appointed a committee to draft a minute in view of Mr. Choate's removal from this body.

On motion, Rev. Rollin A. Sawyer's letter asking for the dissolution of the pastoral relation with the Gilead Church was taken from the table.

Elder William H. Foster and Mr. George E. Read, as commissioners from church and congregation, stated that the church concurred in the request.

On motion, the request was granted. Pastoral to terminate Aug. 1.

Rev. W. Hart Dexter was appointed to declare the pulpit vacant on first Sunday of August.

Rev. Robert P. Gibson was appointed Moderator of the Session of the Gilead Church, and the church was given leave to supply the pulpit until the next Stated Meeting of the Presbytery.

Rev. Robert J. Creswell was then heard in the

interests of the Albert Lea College, under the control of the Synod of Minnesota.

Intermediate Meeting, June 12, 1888.

Rev. Irving E. White reported the installation of Rev. Manfred P. Welcher at South Salem, Tuesday, June 5, in accordance with the arrangements of Presbytery.

Church Extension Committee were given leave to retire.

On motion, the services of Bro. Creswell were recommended to the Presbytery.

Rev. Messrs. John H. Eastman, Harris R. Schenck, and William J. Cumming, and Elder Stanton Cady were appointed the committee called for by Standing Rule No. 18, to nominate standing committees.

Report of Committee on Publication and Sabbath School Work was taken up (Minutes, p. 42), and the the following recommendations were adopted:

1. That the Presbytery be divided for the purpose of Sabbath School work into three districts, embracing respectively the churches adjacent to the lines of the Hudson River, Harlem and New Haven Railroads.
2. That a popular service in the interest of Sabbath School Work be held by Presbytery at the Fall Stated Meeting.

It was also decided that the following recommendation be regarded as a proposed amendment to Standing Rule No. 18:

That the Committee on Publication and Sabbath School Work be increased to thirteen—six Ministers and six Elders, beside the chairman, who shall be a minister.

Committee on Languages reported favorably on examination of candidates Richard Morse Hodge and Hugh Lenox Hodge, and recommend that hereafter the Exegesis, Latin Thesis, Sermon and Lecture be sent to the respective committees in advance of the meeting of Presbytery. Report accepted and adopted.

Rev. Franklin B. Dwight was excused from serving as Moderator of the Session of the Pleasantville

Church, on account of illness, and Rev. John H. Eastman was appointed in his place.

Intermediate Meeting, June 12, 1888.

Recess taken until 1.30 P. M.

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2 P. M.

Presbytery re-assembled after recess.

Presbytery proceeded with the examinations of Licentiate J. Hendrik de Vries and candidates Hugh Lenox Hodge and Richard Morse Hodge.

Trial papers were approved.

Examinations of Licentiate J. Hendrik de Vries were approved, and on motion Rev. John Reid was appointed to arrange for his ordination.

Examinations of candidates Richard Morse Hodge and Hugh Lenox Hodge were approved, and they were duly licensed in accordance with the requirements of the Form of Government.

Committee to arrange for the ordination of Licentiate J. Hendrik de Vries made a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Place.—First Presbyterian Church, Yonkers, N.Y.

Time.—Tuesday, June 19, 7.30 P. M. Sermon, Rev. William V.V. Mabon, of New Brunswick, to be invited; Rev. Charles E. Allison, alternate. Rev. John Reid to offer the ordaining prayer. Charge.—Rev. Henry de Vries of the classis of Westchester, to be invited; Rev. Thornton M. Niven, alternate.

Committee on Church Extension recommended North Salem Church for $250, and Rev. Robert P. Gibson for $100 for services at Somers from Synodical Aid Fund.

Reading of the minutes deferred until next meeting.

Adjourned to meet in the First Presbyterian Church, Yonkers, N. Y., Tuesday, June 19, 7.30 P.M. Intermediate Meeting, June 12, 1888.

Closed with prayer.

W. J. CUMMING,
Stated Clerk.

JOHN H. EASTMAN,
Permanent Clerk.

YONKERS, N. Y., June 19, 1888.

Intermediate Meeting, June 12, 1888.

The Presbytery of Westchester met, agreeably to adjournment, in the First Presbyterian Church, Yonkers, N. Y., Tuesday, June 19, 1888, at 7.30 P. M., and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator, Rev. Edward C. Moore.

The roll was called, and the following found to be present:

Ministers.—Isaac S. Davison, Henry M. Baird, Thornton M. Niven, John Reid, William J. Cumming, Charles E. Allison, Edward C. Moore, J. Hendrik de Vries.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Rev. Edward C. Moore reported that the committee to install Rev. John E. Bushnell at Rye had discharged that duty according to the directions of the Presbytery.

Presbytery then proceeded to ordain Licentiate J. Hendrik de Vries.

Rev. William V. V. Mabon, of the New Brunswick Theological Seminary, preached a sermon from Ps. 23 : 5.—"Thou anointest my head with oil."

The Moderator recited the proceedings af the Presbytery preparatory to this service, and propounded the Constitutional questions, Form of Government, Chap. XV, 12 and 13.

The ordaining prayer was offered by Rev. John Reid.

The charge was then delivered by Rev. Henry de Vries, of the Classis of Westchester.

On motion, it was ordered that the name of Mr. de Vries be enrolled.

Adjourned, to meet at New Rochelle, N. Y., on first Tuesday of October.

Closed with prayer and benediction.

W. J. CUMMING,
Stated Clerk.

BREWSTERS, N. Y., August 2, 1888.

Special Meeting, August 2, 1888.

The Presbytery of Westchester met in the Presbyterian Church at Brewsters, N. Y., Thursday, August 2, 1888, at 11 A. M., pursuant to the following call:

In accordance with the Form of Government, Ch. X, Sec. 10, at the request of two ministers and two elders, the elders being of different congregations, the Presbytery of Westchester is hereby called to meet in special session at 11 A. M., Thursday, August 2, in the Presbyterian Church at Brewsters, N. Y., for the purpose of accepting the resignation, by the Rev. W. Hart Dexter, of the pastorate of the church at Brewsters; of approving the call of the church at Thompsonville, Conn., for the services of Mr. Dexter, of transferring him, if the way be clear, and of making arrangements for his installation over that church.

EDWARD CALDWELL MOORE,
Moderator.

Yonkers, N. Y., July 23, 1888.

In the absence of the Moderator, Rev. Edward C. Moore, the Rev. Manfred P. Welcher, the last moderator present, called the Presbytery to order, and constituted it with prayers.

The call of the Moderator for this special meeting was read.

The roll was called and the following found to be present:

Ministers.	*Churches.*	*Elders.*
Elias S Schenck,	North Salem,	
Rollin A. Sawyer,	Gilead,	William H. Foster,
Edward B Allen,	South East,	
Isaac L. Kip,	Patterson,	
Thornton M. Niven,	Greenburgh,	
Alexander Miller,	Mahopac Falls,	Jas. F. Kennard.
Robert P. Gibson,	Croton Falls,	
Anthony W Colver,		
John H. Eastman,	Katonah,	
Manfred P. Welcher,	South Salem,	Webster B. Hull,

Special Meeting, August 2, 1888.

Harris R. Schenck,	Mt. Kisco,	Joseph Banks,
W. Hart Dexter,	South East Centre,	Warren S. Paddock,
	Thompsonville, 1st,	Andrew Sloane,
	White Plains,	Oliver R. Willis.
12		7

Total present.....19

Rev. Isaac V. W. Schenck, of the Presbytery of Brooklyn, and Rev. Henry Cullen, of the Presbytery of Cedar Rapids, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

Rev. William Hart Dexter requested the dissolution of his pastoral relation with the South East Centre Church.

Elder Warren S. Paddock, representing the Session, and Mr. Benjamin D. Everett, representing the congregation, were heard.

The minutes of the congregational meeting were read, acquiescing regretfully in the request of the pastor, with the resolutions adopted.

On motion the request was granted, the dissolution to take effect August 26.

Recess was taken until 2 P. M.

Thursday, 2 P. M.

Presbytery reassembled.

Rev. Harris R. Schenck was appointed to declare the pulpit of the South East Centre Church vacant on September 9.

Rev. Edward B. Allen was appointed Moderator of the Session, and leave was given to supply the pulpit until the Fall Stated Meeting of Presbytery.

A call was presented from the First Church of Thompsonville, Ct., for the pastoral services of Rev. William Hart Dexter.

Elders Andrew Sloane and David Brainard and Mr. James Morrison were heard as commissioners from the church and congregation.

The call, on motion, was found in order, placed in the hands of Mr. Dexter, who signified his acceptance of the same.

Special Meeting, August 2, 1888.

Rev. Mr. Dexter and Elder Andrew Sloane were appointed a committee to make arrangements for his installation.

This committee presented a report which was accepted, adopted and is as follows :

Time.—Wednesday, October 10, 1888, 7.30 P. M. To preside and propound the constitutional questions.—The Moderator. Sermon.—Rev. Joseph R. Kerr, of Presbytery of New York, to be invited; alternate, Rev. William B. Waller. Charge to the pastor.—Rev. Henry A. Davenport; alternate, Rev. Andrew B. Morse. Charge to the people.—Rev. J. Aspinwall Hodge; alternate, Rev. John H. Eastman.

The minutes were read and approved.

Adjourned to meet at New Rochelle, N. Y., on the first Tuesday of October.

Closed with prayer.

W. J. CUMMING,
Stated Clerk.

J. H. EASTMAN,
Permanent Clerk.

NEW ROCHELLE, N. Y., October 2, 1888.

The Presbytery of Westchester met pursuant to adjournment in the Presbyterian Church, New Rochelle, N. Y., Tuesday, October 2, 1888, at 3 P. M., and was opened with singing and constituted with prayer by the Moderator, Rev. Edward C. Moore.

Fall Stated Meeting, October 2, 1888.

The roll was called and the following were found to be present:

Ministers.	*Churches.*	*Elders.*
	Pound Ridge,	John C. Rockwell (2),
Wm. W. Whipple,		
Daniel N. Freeland,	Hug. Memorial,	Jos. K. Johnson (2),
Charles E. Lindsley,		
William Life,		
Talmon C. Perry,		
Andrew B. Morse,		
	Hartford,	Alex. Curry (2).

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Rollin A. Sawyer,		
Isaac L. Kip, (2),	Patterson,	James A. Merritt,
Thornton M. Niven,	Greenburgh,	
Alexander Miller,	Mahopac Falls,	
Richard P. H. Vail,	Stamford, 1st,	Thomas G. Ritch,
Robert P. Gibson,	Croton Falls,	
John Reid, (2),	Yonkers, 1st,	Hezekiah King (2),
H. A. Davenport, (2),	Bridgeport, 1st,	Francis W. Marsh,
William B. Waller,	New Rochelle,	John G. Ross,
John H. Eastman,	Katonah,	
Washington Choate,		
	Peekskill, 1st,	Uriah Hill.
James H. Hoyt,	Bedford,	John G. Clark,
Wm. J. Cumming,	Yorktown,	Daniel H. Knapp,
Charles F. Allison,	Dayspring,	William Smith (2),
Irving E. White.	Peekskill, 2nd,	Morris E. Clinton,
Man. P. Welcher (2),	South Salem,	Webster B. Hull,
Harris R. Schenck (2),	Mt. Kisco,	Harrison Teller.
	Sing Sing	Stanton Cady,
Edward C. Moore,	Westminster	
Charles S. Lane,	Mt. Vernon, 1st,	A. Noel Blakeman (2),
John E. Bushnell,	Rye,	George D. Cragin,
James G. Rodger (2),	New Haven 1st,	And. M. Bartlett (2),
John S. Allen,	Throggs Neck,	Mervin R. Baxter (2),
W. Hart Dexter,	Thompsonville, 1st,	
Arthur Requa,	Darien,	Benjamin Weed,
John S. Penman (2),	Irvington,	
William Gardner,		
	White Plains,	Edwin A. Slosson (2),
	Pleasantville,	William H. Gates (2),
	Port Chester,	Noah W. Mosher,
	Gilead,	Harrison H. Travis.
32		25
Total present.....		57

Ministers Absent.—James Ely, William Patterson, Elias S. Schenck, Isaac S. Davison, Chauncey D. Rice, Hugh A. McKelvey, Wilson Phraner, David Murdoch, J. Aspinwall Hodge, Edward F. Bromfield, Addison D. Madeira, Edward B. Allen, David A. Holbrook, Henry M. Baird, Homer S. Newcomb, Christopher R. Brown, Charles H. Riggs, Anthony W. Colver, Marcellus Bowen, R. Randall Hoes, Willis W. Dowd, J. Ritchie Smith, William K. Eddy, Charles P. Fagnani, Franklin B. Dwight, J. Howard Hobbs, J. Hendrik de Vries, Lewis H. Reid. 28.

Churches not Represented.—North Salem, South East, Greenburgh, Mahopac Falls, Croton Falls, Katonah, Westminster, Greenwich, 1st, Thompsonville, 1st, Irvington, South East Centre. 11.

Excused for absence from this Meeting.—Rev. Messrs. Wilson Phraner, J. Ritchie Smith.

Excused for absence from Spring Stated Meeting.—Rev. Messrs. Charles E. Lindsley and William W. Whipple.

Excused for absence from Intermediate Meeting.—Rev. Messrs. William W. Whipple, William Life, Talmon C. Perry, Rollin A. Sawyer, Alexander Miller, William B. Waller, Charles E. Allison, Charles S. Lane, and William Gardner.

Rev. Irving E. White was elected Moderator, and Rev. Charles E. Allison, Temporary Clerk.

Fall Stated Meeting, October 2, 1888.

Rev. Edward A. Lawrence, of the Central Association of New York of the Congregational Churches, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The Committee of Arrangements presented their report which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Devotional service—8.45–9.45 A. M. Business sessions—9.45 A. M.–12.30 P. M., and 2.30–5 P. M. *Tuesday*, 7.45 P. M.—Sermon of retiring Moderator, Rev. Edward C. Moore, to be followed by a meeting for general conference and prayer. *Wednesday*, 7.45 P. M.—Popular meeting for discussion of How to reach the non-church-goers in our communities? Addresses by Rev. Messrs. Thornton M. Niven, John Reid, John H. Eastman, and Charles E. Allison.

The Minutes of the Spring Stated, June Intermediate and Special (August 2) Meetings were read for information.

The Minutes of the Adjourned Meeting, June 19, were read and approved.

Rev. Anthony W. Colver was at his own request granted a letter of dismission to the Presbytery of Larned.

Licentiate John Dunlap was at his own request granted a letter of dismission to the Presbytery of Albany.

A communication from the Synodical Superintendent was referred to the Church Extension Committee.

Rev. James H. Hoyt was appointed to draft the Narrative, and Rev. Robert P. Gibson, alternate.

The Treasurer, Rev. William J. Cumming, presented his report, which was accepted, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The report is as follows:

Report of Treasurer for year ending October 1, 1888.

Receipts.

Fall Stated Meeting, October 2, 1888.

Cash on hand October 1, 1887			$361 34
Assessments, 1887	35 00		
" 1888	718 00	753 00	
Total			$1,114 34

Disbursements.

Salaries—W. J. Cumming, S. C	75 00		
G. W. F. Birch, P. C. and Tr	22 50		
J. H. Eastman, P. C	7 50	105 00	
Expenses—Stated Clerk	26 32		
Permanent Clerk	99		
Committees	11 71		
Meetings of Presbytery	11 00		
Blanks	2 63	52 65	
Printing—Minutes	85 67		
Notices	12 00		
Standing Rules	5 00	102 67	
Assessments—General Assembly	433 58		
Synod of New York	30 97	464 55	
Delegates to the Synod—Travelling Expenses		208 06	
Total			$932 93
Cash on hand October 1, 1888			181 41

It is recommended that $80 be appropriated for the expenses of the delegates to the Synod, and that the Treasurer be directed to disburse this sum on the basis of railroad fares actually paid by the shortest and cheapest route.

The lecture (trial piece) of Richard Morse Hodge was put in the hands of the Committee on Philosophy, Astronomy and Rhetoric.

Rev. William J. Cumming, Historian, presented a report which was accepted and referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

The matter of the proper storage of the records of the Presbytery was, on motion, referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

The following resolution was offered by the Stated Clerk:

Resolved, That no record shall be loaned to any one except by order of the Presbytery.

On motion it was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

Rev. Thornton M. Niven presented the report of the committee appointed to draft a minute upon the death of Rev. Edgar L. Heermance.

Fall Stated Meeting, October 2, 1888.

On motion the report was accepted, and it was ordered that the minute be entered upon the record, and a copy be sent to the family of Mr. Heermance.

The report of the Committee to Revise Standing Committees was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

I.—FOR EXAMINATION.

1. Religious Experience and Views in Seeking the Ministry.—The Moderator.

2. Languages.

Ministers.—Edward C. Moore, John E. Bushnell, J. Hendrik de Vries,

3. Philosophy, Astronomy and Rhetoric.

Ministers.—James G. Rodger, John S. Allen, J. Howard Hobbs.

4. Systematic Theology.

Ministers.—J. Ritchie Smith, J. Aspinwall Hodge, Rollin A. Sawyer.

5. Church History, Government, and Sacraments.

Ministers.—John Reid, Harris R. Schenck, Irving E. White.

II.—WORK OF THE CHURCH.

1. Home Missions.

Ministers.—Wilson Phraner, Richard P. H. Vail, John Reid.
Elders.—William H. Parsons, Thomas G. Ritch.

2. Foreign Missions.

Ministers.—J. Ritchie Smith, Andrew B. Morse, Arthur Requa.
Elders.—Campyon Cutter, A Noel Blakeman.

3. Education

Ministers.—J. Aspinwall Hodge, Daniel N. Freeland, Charles S. Lane.
Elders.—Oliver R. Willis, Benjamin Weed.

4. Publication and Sabbath-school Work

Ministers.—Charles E. Allison, Franklin B. Dwight, Irving E. White, Robert P. Gibson, Manfred P. Welcher, John E. Bushnell, John S. Allen.
Elders.—Theodore F. Brown, Milton Frost, George W. Banks, Frank R. Chambers, Clarence L. Reid, Garrick S. Scofield.

5. Church Erection.

Ministers.—Robert P. Gibson, Alexander Miller.
Elder.—Warren S. Paddock.

6. Ministerial Relief.

Minister.—Harris R. Schenck.
Elders.—Henry M. Lester, Richard R. Tyers, Joseph Barrett, John C. Rockwell, John Watson.

7. Freedmen.

Ministers.—Manfred P. Welcher, Elias S. Schenck.

Elder.—John G. Clark.

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8. Aid for Colleges.

Ministers.—Edward C. Moore, Henry M. Baird.

Elder.—John W. Skinner.

9. Temperance.

Ministers.—Irving E. White, James H. Hoyt.

Elder.—Stanton Cady.

10. Systematic Beneficence.

Ministers.—William B. Waller, and chairmen of Committees 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9.

11. Church Extension.

Ministers.—Wilson Phraner, Richard P. H. Vail, John Reid, John H. Eastman, William B. Waller, Thornton M. Niven.

Elders.—Edward Wells, David F. Hollister, William H. Parsons, Thomas G. Ritch.

12. Presbyterial Visitation.

Ministers. William Hart Dexter, Henry A. Davenport.

Elder.—Andrew Sloane.

13. Manses.

Elders.—Sanford R. Knapp, William H. Foster, Enos Lee.

The Committee on the matter of the Congregational Church at Port Chester made a verbal report that no action seemed desirable, and asked to be discharged.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged.

Recess was taken until 7.45 P. M.

Tuesday, 7.45 P. M.

The Presbytery reassembled, and listened to a sermon by the retiring Moderator, Rev. Edward C. Moore, from the text Matt. xviii, 3.

A half hour of conference and prayer followed, after which Presbytery adjourned until to-morrow morning at 8.45 o'clock.

Wednesday, October 3, 8.45 A. M.

Presbytery met, and the first hour was spent in devotional exercises.

The roll was called, and the following, not present yesterday, answered to their names:

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Ministers.—Isaac L. Kip, John Reid, Henry A. Davenport, Manfred P. Welcher, Harris R. Schenck, James G. Rodger, John S Penman.

Elders.—John C. Rockwell, Joseph K. Johnson, Alexander Curry, Hezekiah King, William Smith, A. Noel Blakeman, Andrew M. Bartlett, Mervin R. Baxter, William H. Gates.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

Rev. Lewis H. Reid was received by letter of dismission from the Presbytery of North River.

Elder Edmund S. Mills sent his resignation as a delegate to the Synod. Accepted.

The following persons were placed in nomination as delegates to the Synod:

Ministers.—Edward C. Moore, Robert P. Gibson, Richard P. H. Vail, William B. Waller, J. Ritchie Smith, Charles E. Allison, Thornton M. Niven, James H. Hoyt, Arthur Requa, Henry A. Davenport, Andrew B. Morse.

Elders.—Harrison Teller, Sanford R. Knapp, Webster B. Hull, George Cragin, John A. Offord, Francis W. Marsh, Orrin D. Kingsley, Henry White, Stanton Cady, Richard R. Tyers, Charles R. Otis, Warren S. Paddock.

The Moderator announced the following committees:

1. Bills and Overtures.

Ministers.—Edward C. Moore, Thornton M. Niven, Robert P. Gibson.

Elders.—Uriah Hill, Stanton Cady.

2. Judicial Business.

Ministers.—Richard P. H. Vail, Arthur Requa, John S. Allen.

Elders.—Morris E. Clinton, George Cragin.

3. Finance.

Elders.—Uriah Hill, Webster B. Hull.

4. Leave of Absence.

Minister.—Alexander Miller.

Elder.—Harrison Teller.

5. Sessional Records.

Church.	*Minister.*	*Elder.*
1. Pound Ridge,	Elias S. Schenck,	Harrison H. Travis,
2. North Salem,	Daniel N. Freeland,	Noah W. Mosher,
3. Hug. Mem'l,	Arthur Requa,	Benjamin Weed,
4. Hartford,	William Gardner,	George D. Cragin,
5. South East,	John S. Allen,	Stanton Cady,
6. Patterson,	Charles S. Lane,	Harrison Teller,
7. Greenburgh,	Edward C. Moore,	Webster B. Hull,

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8.	Mahopac Falls,	Robert P. Gibson,	Morris E. Clinton,
9.	Stamford,	Alexander Miller,	Daniel H. Knapp,
10.	Croton Falls,	Thornton M. Niven,	Uriah Hill,
11.	Yonkers, 1st,	Andrew B. Morse,	John G. Ross.
12.	Bridgport, 1st,	Talmon C. Terry,	Thomas G. Ritch,
13.	New Rochelle,	William Life,	Francis W. Marsh,
14.	Katonah,	Daniel N. Freeland,	Jas. A. Merritt,
15.	Peekskill, 1st,	William W. Whipple,	John G. Clark,
16.	Bedford,	John Reid,	Joseph K. Johnson,
17.	Yorktown,	Henry A. Davenport,	Alex. Curry,
18.	Dayspring,	Isaac L. Kip,	John G. Ross,
19.	Peekskill, 2d,	James H. Hoyt,	Mervin R. Baxter,
20.	South Salem,	Harris R. Schenck,	Edwin A. Slosson,
21.	Mt. Kisco,	Richard P. H. Vail,	William Smith,
22.	Sing Sing,	Manfred P. Welcher,	Hezekiah King,
23.	Westminster,	W. Hart Dexter,	Harrison H. Travis,
24.	Mt. Vernon, 1st,	James G. Rodger,	Noah W. Mosher,
25.	Rye,	Arthur Requa,	Stanton Cady,
26.	New Haven, 1st,	William Gardner,	Benjamin Weed,
27.	Greenwich, 1st,	John S. Allen,	Harrison Teller,
28.	Throgg's Neck,	Chas. S. Lane,	Webster B. Hull,
29.	Thompsonville,	James H. Hoyt,	Morris E. Clinton,
30.	Darien,	Talmon C. Perry,	Daniel H. Knapp,
31.	White Plains,	Richard P. H. Vail,	Uriah Hill,
32.	Pleasantville,	Edward C. Moore,	John G. Clark,
33.	Port Chester,	Alexander Miller,	William H. Gates,
34.	Gilead,	Thornton M. Niven,	Alex. Curry,
35.	Irvington,	John Reid,	Edwin A. Slosson,
36.	South East Cent.	Henry A. Davenport,	Mervin R. Baxter,

The Committee, to which the lecture of Richard Morse Hodge was referred, reported its examination, and recommended its approval. Report adopted.

Rev. Isaac L. Kip made a request for the dissolution of his pastoral relation with the Patterson Church.

Elder Orson W. Sloat, as the commissioner representing the church, stated the action of a congregational meeting, concurring in the request.

On motion, the request was granted to take effect the first Sunday of November next.

On motion, the Stated Clerk was authorized to grant a letter of dismission to Mr. Kip, whenever he may ask for it.

Rev. John H. Eastman was appointed to declare the pulpit vacant, Sunday, November 4.

Rev. James C. Nightingale of the Presbytery of New York, Rev. Samuel H. Meade, of the Presby-

tery of Cayuga, and Rev. John McAfee, of the Presbytery of Platte were invited to sit as corresponding members.

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George Cornwell, a member of the Yorktown Church, and a student in Union Theological Seminary, was, after examination, received under the care of the Presbytery as a candidate for the ministry.

The report of the Committee on Home Missions was presented. It was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Thirty-two of our thirty-six churches contributed to the Board. Church collections aggregate $245 less than last year. The Ladies' Societies give about $800 more. Contributions from Sabbath-schools are $54 less. For Sustentation $279 greater. Total for 1888 exceeds that of 1887 by $543, and amounts to $6,790.11. The aggregate donations under the Home Mission caption are $16,137.

We recommend that Presbytery enjoin upon the pastors the instructing of our people thoroughly and sympathetically in these vital matters. We also recommend that Presbytery press upon the churches the inclusion of Home Mission topics in their monthly concerts and meetings for prayer.

On motion, it was directed that the report be read at the public meeting this evening.

Rev. John S. Penman reported that he declared the pulpit of the Irvington Church vacant, June 24. Report accepted.

Rev. Harris R. Schenck reported that he preached at the South East Centre Church Sunday, September 9, and declared the pulpit vacant. Report accepted.

Committee on Temperance made a report, which was accepted, adopted and is as follows:

Three institutes have been held at Yorktown, Darien and Mt. Kisco. Contributions to the amount of $26 have been sent from churches in this Presbytery to the Permanent Committee on Temperance. The committee would call attention to action of General Assembly, Minutes of 1888, pp. 91 and 92.

Elder Noah W. Mosher reported that the pulpit of the Port Chester Church was declared vacant by letter from the committee appointed for that purpose. Report accepted.

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On motion, Rev. John A. McAfee, President of Park College, was heard in reference to that institution.

On motion, the hearing of the reports on Sessional Records was made the second order for this afternoon.

The Committee on Ministerial Relief presented a report, which was accepted, adopted and is as follows:

	1884–5.	1885–6.	1886–7.	1887–8.
Contributions	$1,262 40	1,490 64	1,618 49	2,259 31
Funds drawn out	287 50	312 50	350 00	250 00
Excess of contributions this year over last				$640 82

Contributions to the Centennial Fund.

Bedford	$206 00	Peekskill, 2d	$76 00
Bridgeport, 1st	1,000 00	Pleasantville	8 25
Croton Falls	80 00	Port Chester	24 02
Darien	42 25	Pound Ridge	44 00
Gilead	127 00	Rye	600 00
Greenburgh	570 00	Sing Sing	570 13
Greenwich		South East	20 00
Hartford, 1st	771 00	South East Centre	171 00
Hug. Mem'l	55 85	South Salem	27 00
Irvington	200 00	Stamford, 1st	1,100 00
Katonah	153 00	Thompsonville	180 00
Mahopac Falls	200 00	Throgg's Neck	
Mt. Kisco	184 65	White Plains	241 03
Mt. Vernon, 1st	56 73	Yonkers 1st	1,123 24
New Haven, 1st	33 00	Dayspring	10 00
New Rochelle	520 03	Westminster	89 41
North Salem	25 00	Yorktown	45 00
Patterson	2 00	Rev. T. C. Perry	15 00
Peekskill, 1st	600 00		
Total			$9,170 59

Quota to be raised for Centennial Fund $9,817.00.

Expenses of Committee, $7.76.

We recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. The attention of pastors, sessions and churches is called to pp. 10-12 of report of the Board of Ministerial Relief.

2. Pastors and sessions are urged to carefully guard against any reaction from last year's efforts, by informing the people fully on all points.

Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly presented a report, which was accepted, adopted and is as follows:

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The Committee recommended that the Stated Clerk be directed to obtain and forward to Church Sessions "Forms for Congregational Narratives of Religion," in accordance with the action of the General Assembly.

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Rev. Messrs. John Reid and Thornton M. Niven, and Elder Henry M. Lester, reported their attendance upon the General Assembly as commissioners. Report accepted and fidelity approved.

An invitation from Thompsonville for Stated Spring Meeting was accepted.

An invitation from Darien for June Intermediate Meeting was accepted.

On motion, it was ordered that the January Intermediate Meeting be held at the Presbyterian Mission House, 53 Fifth Avenue, New York.

Recess taken until 2.30 P. M.

Wednesday. 2.30 P. M.

Presbytery reassembled.

Rev. Messrs. James H. Hoyt and Arthur Requa, and Ruling Elders James A. Merritt and Noah W. Mosher, were appointed tellers for the election of Delegates to the Synod.

The following were elected delegates to the Synod:

PRINCIPALS.

Ministers.	*Ruling Elders.*
Edward C. Moore,	Harrison Teller,
Robert P. Gibson,	Sanford R. Knapp,
Richard P. H. Vail,	Stanton Cady,
J. Ritchie Smith,	George D. Cragin,
	Henry White.

ALTERNATES.

William B. Waller,	Francis W. Marsh,
Henry A. Davenport,	John A. Offord,
Arthur Requa,	Orrin D. Kingsley,

Charles E. Allison, Charles R. Otis,
James H. Hoyt, Warren S. Paddock,
Thornton M. Niven, Webster B. Hull,
Andrew B. Morse, Richard R. Tyers.

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Rev. Messrs. Edward C. Moore, Robert P. Gibson, and Richard P. H. Vail, and Ruling Elders Harrison Teller, Sanford R. Knapp, Stanton Cady, and George D. Cragin, were elected for the full term of two years. Rev. J. Ritchie Smith and Ruling Elder Henry White were elected for one year, to fill unexpired terms.

Rev. Messrs. James G. Rodger and Henry A. Davenport were appointed a Commission to examine Arthur Davies, a student in Yale Theological Seminary, with view to receiving him under the care of Presbytery as a candidate for the ministry.

Committee on Bills and Overtures presented their report, which was accepted, adopted and is as follows:

The report of the Historian and a resolution on the storage of the records had been placed in their hands. The committee would recommend:

1. That the Historian be appointed a committee to ascertain the cost of printing the history, and of its reproduction by typewriter.
2. That Rev. Messrs. J. Aspinwall Hodge and J. Ritchie Smith, and Elder Sanford R. Knapp be appointed a committee to revise the history.
3. That no record be loaned to any one, except on the order of the Presbytery itself.
4. That the Stated Clerk be authorized to make arrangements for the storage of the records of the Presbytery in the vault of the Peekskill Savings Bank, and for that purpose, if need be, to purchase a box.

The Committee on Manses made a report, which was accepted, and is as follows:

The South East Centre Church has purchased a new manse, valued at $5,000. South Salem has built one costing about $4,000. Sing Sing has sold the rs. Improvements are reported in the Rye manse to the amount of $500, and on that at Dobbs Ferry to the extent of $200.

The Committee on Church Extension presented its report, which was accepted, adopted and is as follows:

Appropriations from Synodical Aid Fund.—Huguenot Memorial, $100; North Salem, $250; and Pastor of Croton Falls Church, for services at Somers, $100.

When Rev. Manfred P. Welcher retired from the pastorate of the Pleasantville Church, they were indebted to him to the extent of $940. Of this sum the church raised $500, and your com-

mittee added the balance of $440. This sum was made up of the balance in the hands of the Treasurer of the Committee, and the contributions of eight churches for the purpose.

Your committee suggest that the Committee on Church Extension be merged into Committee on Home Missions, and that the new committee be known as the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension, and propose an amendment to the Standing Rules to that effect.

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The Sessional Records of the following churches were approved: Peekskill, 2d, Thompsonville, Greenburgh, Mahopac Falls, Stamford, Yonkers, 1st, Bridgeport, 1st, New Rochelle, Peekskill, 1st, Bedford, Yorktown, South Salem, Mt. Kisco, Sing Sing, Mt. Vernon, 1st, Rye, New Haven, 1st, Throggs Neck, Darien, White Plains, Gilead, Patterson, Dayspring, and Huguenot Memorial.

It was ordered that the Sessional Records of the following churches be presented at the January Intermediate Meeting: Pound Ridge, North Salem, Hartford, South East, Croton Falls, Katonah, Westminster, Greenwich, 1st, Pleasantville, Port Chester, Irvington, and South East Centre.

The Special Committee on the Pleasantville Church made a report, which was accepted and adopted and is as follows:

The floating debt has been paid, and services maintained, and current expenses met. A call for a pastor, made last summer, was declined. They hope to secure one at an early date. Your committee ask to be discharged.

The committee to draft a minute on the removal of Rev. Frederick S. Barnum from this Presbytery, made a report, which was accepted, adopted and is as follows:

The Presbytery would record its fraternal appreciation of the labors within its bounds of Rev. Frederick S. Barnum; and, on his removal to another ecclesiastical body, we extend to him our most cordial God-speed. We pray that the able and devoted services which have been so abundantly blessed by our Master in other days, may still continue to bear fruit to the profit of God's people and to the glory of God's name. And we further pray that in his family and private life our brother may enjoy the favor of the Father and the communion of the Holy Spirit.

It was ordered that a copy be sent to Mr. Barnum.

The Committee on Church Erection made a verbal report. Accepted.

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The Committee on Finance presented their report, which was accepted, adopted and is as follows:

Your committee have examined the Treasurer's accounts, find them correct, and recommend their approval.

Your committee also recommend the adoption of recommendation in Treasurer's report with respect to the expenses of the Delegates to the Synod.

The Committee on Systematic Beneficence presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

The reports of the Boards to the General Assembly show a net gain in gifts of churches and individuals of over $250,000. Our own Presbytery, according to the minutes of the General Assembly, gave in benevolent offerings for 1887, $32,153; 1888, $38,952, a net gain of $6,799. The latter year shows a decrease as compared with the former in congregational expenses of $3,595. We recommend

1. That our ministers and churches carefully observe the recommendations of the General Assembly Minutes, 1888, pp. 127-8.

2. That services be held at convenient seasons in the various churches, at which pastors may call to their aid elders and lay members to testify out of their experience to the benefits and blessings of systematic proportionate giving to the Lord.

3. That a popular meeting be held at our next Spring Meeting in the interest of Systematic Beneficence.

The committee on Freedmen presented a report, which was accepted, adopted and is as follows:

The minutes of the General Assembly show contributions for Freedmen from the churches of this Presbytery, for 1887, to the amount of $1,117; for 1888, $808—a decrease of $309. We recommend the passage of the following resolution:

Resolved, "That all pastors, who have not, and all who have presented this Board's work, be urged to put the whole matter before their people fully and patiently, praying that the Holy Spirit move the people to make offering according to the measure of Christ," not merely that your committee may present a more cheering report, but that we may more fully aid in realizing the prayer—"Thy kingdom come," among the people for whom our blessed Saviour gave Himself a ransom.

The Committee on Presbyterial Visitation presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Of the thirteen churches named (p. 18), only nine were visited. Bedford, Bridgeport, 1st, Croton Falls, Darien, Greenburgh, Hartford, Huguenot Memorial, Mahopac Falls, and Mt. Kisco. A Day of Prayer was observed in the church at New Rochelle on November 15, 1888. The attendance was not as large as was expected, but the interest was deep and the service helpful.

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Your committee recommend that the following churches form the group to be visited this year: Mt. Vernon, 1st, New Rochelle, North Salem, New Haven, Patterson, Peekskill, 1st, Peekskill, 2d, Port Chester, Pound Ridge, Pleasantville and Rye, and that the churches in the first group, not visited last year, Gilead, Greenwich, Irvington and Katonah be included in the list.

They also recommend that any other churches desiring a Committee of Visitation, may have one appointed by application to the committee.

It is also recommended that Tuesday, November 13, be observed as a Day of Prayer, and that the ministers of our Presbytery, and all the ruling elders of our churches be urged to attend services appropriate to that day, to be held in the place of worship of the Mt. Vernon Presbyterian Church, and that the committee on Presbyterian Visitation be instructed to make arrangements for the services, and to give due notice to the Sessions of our Churches.

The Committee on Foreign Missions presented a report, which was accepted, and is as follows:

The committee report a falling off of receipts to this Board during the past ecclesiastical year of $1,264. This is according to the statement of the Treasurer of the Board. The decrease according to the statistical tables of the Minutes of the General Assembly amounts to $863.

This decrease is partially accounted for in this way. These causes have operated against the beneficent works of some of our churches. The absence of a pastor, the introduction of a new pastor with a change of plans and methods of work. Another circumstance has tended to decrease the sum total of our gifts, viz., the loss of five churches from our roll—Bethany, Potts Memorial, Riverdale, Tremont, and West Farms, whose gifts the previous year amounted to about $300. Still another circumstance may account for this decrease, viz., the unusual effort made in nearly all our churches in behalf of the Cetennial Fund.

Your committee would gratefully record the fact that according to the Minutes of the General Assembly every church in the Presbytery has contributed to this cause. But we have fallen behind our quota as a Presbytery to the extent of $1,400.

On motion, the Stated Clerk was directed to secure a special blank book for the recording of minutes upon deceased members of Presbytery, and the Permanent Clerk was directed to engross such minutes in it.

On motion, the Committee on Education was em-

powered to recommend to the Board of Education for aid such candidates as have been recommended in the past and who may now desire it.

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A verbal report of the Committee on Publication and Sabbath school Work was accepted.

The proposed amendment to the Standing Rule (p. 56), increasing the number of the Committee on Publication and Sabbath school Work, was adopted.

It was resolved that Rev. R. P. Duclos, or such minister he may send in his stead, be recommended to such of our churches as he may visit to a favorable hearing and their benevolent contributions in behalf of that portion of the field in which he labors under the Board of French Evangelization of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Moderators were appointed for the Sessions of vacant churches as follows:

Rev. Elias S. Schenck.....North Salem.
Rev. Harris R. Schenck.....White Plains.
Rev. James H. Hoyt.....Pleasantville.
Rev. Robert P. Gibson.....Gilead.
Rev. Thornton M. Niven.....Irvington.
Rev. Edward B. Allen.....South East Centre.
Rev. John H. Eastman.....Patterson.
Rev. J. Howard Hobbs.....Port Chester.

On motion, permission was given to these churches to supply their own pulpits until the next Stated meeting of Presbytery.

The Treasurer was authorized to pay all necessary bills.

The Committee on Leave of Absence made a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

The committee had granted leave of absence to

Ministers.—John E. Bushnell, Edward C. Moore, Andrew B. Morse, John S. Penman, Rollin A. Sawyer, Henry A. Davenport, James H. Hoyt, Richard P. H. Vail, Isaac L. Kip, Manfred P. Welcher; and

Elders.—Morris E. Clinton, Webster B. Hull, John G. Clark, Joseph K. Johnson, Harrison H. Travis, Hezekiah King, and Edwin A. Slosson.

The Stated and Permanent Clerks were appointed

a Committee of Arrangements for the January Intermediate Meeting.

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It was resolved, That the hearty thanks of the Presbytery are hereby tendered to the pastor, officers and families of the New Rochelle Church, and especially to the ladies, for their graceful and Christian hospitality.

On motion, it was resolved, That the sympathy of Presbytery be extended to Rev. William Patterson, in his continued infirmities; also with the session of the church in their efforts to maintain services, and that the Session be commended to the counsel and aid of the Church Extension Committee.

The roll was called, and the following were found to have withdrawn from the sessions of Presbytery without leave:

Ministers.—Charles E. Lindsley, William Life, Washington Choate, Harris R. Schenck, William Gardner; and
Elders.—Thomas G. Ritch, William H. Gates.

Presbytery took a recess until 7.45 P. M.

WEDNESDAY, 7.45 P. M.

Presbytery met.

A popular meeting was held.

Subject.—*How to reach the non-church-goers in our communities?*

Rev. Thornton M. Niven delivered an address—*The Existence of such a class, and our obligation to them;*

Rev. John Reid—*How to make the regular services of the church attractive;*

Rev. John H. Eastman—*How to reach them through extra services;* and

Rev. Charles E. Allison—*How to interest individual church members in this work.*

Fall Stated Meeting, October 8, 1888.

The discussion was also participated in by Rev. Messrs. Robert P. Gibson, Daniel N. Freeland, Charles E. Lindsley, and Elder John A. Offord.

Minutes of to-day's session were read for revision and approved.

Adjourned to meet in the Presbyterian Mission House, 53 Fifth Avenue, New York, on the third Tuesday of January, 1889.

Closed with prayer.

W. J. Cumming,
Stated Clerk.

John H. Eastman,
Permanent Clerk.

Officers of Presbytery.

Moderator—Rev. Irving E. White, Peekskill, N. Y.; Stated Clerk and Treasurer—Rev. William J. Cumming, Yorktown, N. Y.; Permanent Clerk—Rev. John H. Eastman, Katonah, N. Y.

Trustees.

Ministers—Rollin A. Sawyer, Richard P. H. Vail, Thornton M. Niven, Isaac S. Kip.

Elders—Edward Wells, Uriah Hill, William H. Parsons, Thomas G. Ritch, Benjamin Weed.

Special Meeting, December 10, 1888.

YONKERS, N. Y., December 10, 1888.

The Presbytery of Westchester met in the Westminster Presbyterian Church, Yonkers, N. Y., Monday, December 10, 1888, at 2 P. M., pursuant to the following call:

PEEKSKILL, November 27, 1888.

Dear Brother:

In accordance with the Form of Government, Ch. X, Sec. 10. at the request of two ministers and two elders, the elders being of different congregations, a special meeting of the Presbytery of Westchester is called to be held in the Westminster Church in Yonkers, on Monday, 10th day of December, 1888, at 2 o'clock P. M., to take action upon the request of Rev. Edward C. Moore, that Presbytery dissolve relations existing between him and the Westminster Church, dismiss him from the Presbytery, and make such arrangements for the welfare of the Church as is usual in such cases.

IRVING E. WHITE,
Moderator.

The Moderator, Rev. Irving E. White, called the Presbytery to order, and constituted it with prayer.

The call of the Moderator for this special meeting was read.

The roll was called and the following found to be present:

Ministers.	*Churches.*	*Elders.*
Isaac S. Davison,		
William W. Whipple,		
Wilson Phraner,		
Thornton M. Niven,	Greenburgh,	
John Reid,	Yonkers, 1st,	
John H. Eastman,	Katonah,	
Charles E. Allison,	Dayspring,	
Irving E. White,	Peekskill, 2d,	
Harris R. Schenck,	Mt. Kisco,	
Edward C. Moore,	Westminster,	Charles R. Otis.
	White Plains,	Oliver R. Willis.
10		2
Total present.....		12

Rev. Samuel H. Meade of the Presbytery of Cayuga was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Rev. Edward C. Moore, presented a request for the dissolution of his pastoral relation with the Westminster Church.

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Mr. A. O. Kirkwood, as a commissioner from the congregation, and Elder Charles R. Otis, as a representive of the Session, were then heard, expressing regret at the necessity for such action, but concurring in the request.

The minutes of the church and congregation at which Mr. Moore's resignation was offered were also read by Mr. Walter Thomas, the clerk of the meeting.

On motion, the request was granted, the dissolution to take effect January 1, 1889.

On motion, Rev. John H. Eastman was appointed to preach in the Westminster Church and declare the pulpit vacant at such time as shall be agreed upon with the Session of the Church.

On motion, the Session was granted leave to supply its pulpit until the next Stated Meeting of the Presbytery.

On motion, Rev. Isaac S. Davison was appointed Moderator of the Session.

Rev. Edward C. Moore was, on motion, granted a letter of dismission to the Rhode Island Association of Orthodox Congregational Ministers.

The minutes were read and approved.

Adjourned to meet in New York City, January 15, 1889.

Closed with prayer.

W. J. Cumming,
Stated Clerk.

John H. Eastman,
Permanent Clerk.

NEW YORK, January 15, 1889.

The Presbytery of Westchester met in Lenox Hall, Presbyterian Mission House, 53 Fifth Avenue, New York, Tuesday, January 15, 1889, at 10.30 A. M.

Intermediate Meeting, January 15, 1889.

It was opened with prayer by the Moderator, Rev. Irving E. White.

The roll was called and the following were found to be present:

Ministers.	*Churches.*	*Elders.*
Elias S. Schenck,	North Salem,	
Daniel N. Freeland,	Huguenot Mem'l,	
Hugh A. McKelvey,		
Wilson Phraner,		
Andrew B. Morse,		
J. Aspinwall Hodge,	Hartford,	
Thorton M. Niven,	Greenburgh	Campyon Cutter,
Alexander Miller,	Mahopac Falls,	
Robert P. Gibson,	Croton Falls,	
	Yonkers, 1st,	Hezekiah King,
Henry A. Davenport,	Bridgeport, 1st,	Edward P. Bullard,
William B. Waller,	New Rochelle,	
John H. Eastman,	Katonah,	
J. Ritchie Smith,	Peekskill, 1st,	Sanford R. Knapp.
James H. Hoyt,	Bedford,	
William J. Cumming,	Yorktown,	
Irving E. White,	Peekskill, 2d,	Joseph H. McDonald.
Manfred P. Welcher,	South Salem,	
Harris R. Schenck,	Mt. Kisco,	
	Sing Sing,	Stanton Cady.
Charles S. Lane,	Mt. Vernon, 1st,	
John E. Bushnell,	Rye,	George D. Cragin.
James G. Rodger,	New Haven, 1st,	Andrew M. Bartlett.
J. Howard Hobbs,	Greenwich, 1st,	
John S. Allen.	Throgg's Neck,	Mervin R. Baxter.
Arthur Requa,	Darien,	Benjamin Weed.
John S. Penman,	Irvington,	John T. Terry.
Addison K. Strong,	Gilead,	Harrison H. Travis.
John H. Trussell,	South East Centre,	
	Pleasantville,	Willet C. Brown.
	Port Chester,	Noah W. Mosher,
	Patterson,	James A. Merritt.
	Westminster,	John H. Brown.
27		16

Total present.....43

Ministers Absent.—James Ely, William Patterson, Isaac S. Davison, Chauncey D. Rice, William W. Whipple, Charles E. Lindsley, David Murdoch, Lewis H. Reid, William Life, Talmon C. Perry, Rollin A. Sawyer, Edward T. Bromfield, Addison D. Madeira, Edward B. Allen, David A. Holbrook, Henry M. Baird, Homer S. Newcomb, Christopher R. Brown, Charles H. Riggs, Richard P. H. Vail, Marcellus Bowen, John Reid, R. Randall Hoes, Willis W. Dowd, William K. Eddy, Charles E. Allison,

Charles P. Fagnani, Franklin B. Dwight, W. Hart Dexter, William Gardner, J. Hendrik de Vries. 31.

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Churches not Represented.—Pound Ridge, North Salem, Huguenot Memorial, Hartford, South East, Mahopac Falls, Stamford, Croton Falls, New Rochelle, Katonah, Bedford, Yorktown, Dayspring, South Salem, Mt. Kisco, Mt. Vernon, 1st, Greenwich, 1st, Thompsonville, White Plains, South East Centre. 20.

Rev. George W. F. Birch, of the Presbytery of New York, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The Committee of Arrangements reported recommending that a recess be taken from 1-2 P. M. Adopted.

The Stated Clerk called attention to an error in paging made by himself, by which page 65 follows page 59. There is no omission in the minutes.

The Stated Clerk reported that letters of dismission had been granted to Rev. Messrs. Washington Choate, Isaac L. Kip, and Edward C. Moore.

A letter from Rev. J. S. MacIntosh, chairman of Committee in charge of the Church at Home and Abroad, was referred to Committee on Bills and Overtures.

Rev. Messrs. Addison K. Strong and John H. Trussell were received from the Presbyteries of Milwaukee and Albany respectively, and it was ordered that their names should be enrolled.

A call from the Irvington Church for the pastoral services of Rev. John S. Penman was made the order for 11.30 A. M.

A communication from the Secretary of the Presbyterian Ministers' Fund was referred to a special committee consisting of Rev. Messrs. Andrew B. Morse, William B. Waller, and John Reid.

The election of a Trustee of Presbytery in the place of Rev. Isaac L. Kip, dismissed, was referred to Rev. Messrs. Thornton M. Niven and Alexander Miller, and Elder Edward P. Bullard.

Vacancies in Committees on Languages and Aid for Colleges and Academies were referred to the committee appointed at June Intermediate Meeting to revise standing committees.

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The Committee appointed to ascertain the cost of printing or copying the history of the Presbytery, presented a report which which was accepted and referred to Committee on Revision of the History.

On motion, Rev. J. Aspinwall Hodge and Elder Edward Wells were appointed a Committee to represent the Presbytery before the General Assembly in the matter of its printed minutes.

A call from the Patterson Church for the pastoral services of Rev. John S. Allen was presented, and, on motion, laid on the table for the present.

Rev. John S. Allen requested the dissolution of the pastoral relation existing between himself and the Throgg's Neck Church.

Messrs. J. F. Barnecott and Augustus Taber were heard as commissioners from the church, and the minutes of the congregational meeting were read. Pending action on the above matter, the order of the day was taken up.

The call of the Irvington Church for the pastoral services of Rev. John S. Penman was read and approved.

On motion, it was ordered to be placed in Mr. Penman's hands, and was by him accepted.

On motion, Rev. Mr. Penman and Elder John T. Terry were appointed a committee to make arrangements for the installation, the committee to report at the Spring Stated Meeting.

The unfinished business was resumed, and, on motion, the pastoral relation between Rev. John S.

Allen and the Throggs Neck Church was dissolved, the dissolution to take effect the first Sabbath of February.

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Rev. Charles E. Lindsley was appointed to declare the pulpit vacant on the first Sabbath in February.

Rev. Daniel N. Freeland was appointed Moderator of the Session.

On motion, Rev. Messrs. Daniel N. Freeland and William R. Waller, and Elder William H. Parsons were appointed a committee on the affairs of the Throggs Neck Church, the committee to report at the Spring Stated meeting.

On motion, Rev. John H. Trussell was appointed Moderator of the South East Centre Church.

Rev. James G. Rodger, of Committee to examine Mr. Arthur Davies, reported his examination, and recommended that he be received under the care of the Presbytery as a candidate for the ministry. Adopted.

Rev. John H. Eastman reported that he had declared the pulpit of the Patterson Church vacant on the first Sunday of November, and that of the Westminster Church on January 13. Accepted.

The Committee to Nominate a Trustee of Presbytery recommended the election of Rev. John E. Bushnell. Adopted.

On motion, the call of the Patterson Church for the pastoral services of Rev. John S. Allen was taken from the table, approved, and ordered placed in his hands. It was accepted, and Rev. Mr. Allen and Elder James A. Merritt were appointed a committee to arrange for installation.

On the recommendation of Committees, the Sessional Records of the Port Chester, South East Centre, Westminster, Irvington, and Greenwich Churches were approved.

A request from the New Haven Church for assistance in paying interest on debt was referred to Committee on Church Extension.

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On motion, the request of Rev. James G. Rodger for advice in regard to continuance of his pastoral relation to the New Haven Church was also referred to the Church Extension Committee.

Rev. John H. Trussell was, on motion, excused from further attendance at this meeting.

On motion, Rev. Mr. Pease, of Asheville, N. C., was heard in regard to the work of our church among the poor whites of the South.

The Committee on Education recommended that Mr. Arthur Davies be recommended to the Board of Education for one payment during the current year, and also that permission be granted to him to continue his studies at New Haven this year. Adopted.

On motion, Mr. Charles Lyman Carhart, a member of the First Church of Peekskill, and a Senior in Union Theological Seminary, was, after an examination as to his religious experience and views in seeking the ministry, received under the care of the Presbytery as a candidate.

Elder Willet C. Brown was excused from further attendance on this meeting.

On motion, the Presbytery approved of the election of the following Trustees of the Church at Narragansett Pier: Rev. J. Aspinwall Hodge, D.D., Rev. Erskine N. White, D.D., Rev. Eldridge Mix, D.D., Rev. John M. Buchanan, D.D., Rev. John Montgomery, Rev. Walter W. Buchanan, Rev. R. G. Mackay, Hon. Sherman Rogers, and Messrs. J. H. Pratt, J. F. Cross, Samuel Colgate, C. R. Green, Edward Earle, Dwight Clarke, and Edward Austen.

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The Committee on Bills and Overtures presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows :

1. The Committee would recommend to the pastors and elders of the Presbytery, that they use their most diligent efforts to promote the circulation of the Church at Home and Abroad in their respective congregations.

2. The Committee would also recommend to those having the magazine in charge, as the wish of this Presbytery, that the French gray color of the cover might be restored; and

3. That the Stated Clerk communicate this wish to Rev. J. S. MacIntosh.

The Committee to make arrangements for the installation of Rev. John S. Allen stated that the report would be made at the Spring Stated meeting.

The minutes were read and approved.

Adjourned, to meet at Thompsonville, Conn., April 16, 1889.

Closed with prayer.

W. J. Cumming,
Stated Clerk.

John H. Eastman,
Permanent Clerk.

PORT CHESTER, N. Y., February 13, 1889.

Special Meeting, February 13, 1889.

The Presbytery of Westchester met in the Presbyterian Church at Port Chester, N. Y., February 13, 1889, at 7.30 P. M., pursuant to the following call:

PEEKSKILL, N. Y., January 29, 1889.

Application in due form having been made to me for a special meeting of the Presbytery according to Chap. X, Sec. X, of Form of Government, such meeting of Presbytery is called to be held in the Presbyterian Church, Port Chester, N. Y., on February 13, 1889, at 7.30 P. M., for the purpose of receiving into Presbytery, Rev. William Y. Brown, D. D., placing in his hands a "call" from the Church of Port Chester, and to make arrangements, if the way be clear, for his installation, and the doing of such other business as may properly come before the Presbytery at that time.

IRVING E. WHITE, Moderator.

Rev. Irving E. White, Moderator, called the Presbytery to order and constituted it with prayer.

The call of the Moderator for the meeting was read.

The roll was called, and the following found to be present:

Ministers.	*Churches.*	*Elders.*
William B. Waller,	New Rochelle,	
Irving E. White,	Peekskill, 2d,	
John E. Bushnell,	Rye,	
W. Hart Dexter,	Thompsonville,	
	Port Chester,	John Miller, Jr.
4		1

Total present.....5

Rev. William B. Waller was chosen Clerk *pro tem.*

Rev. William Y. Brown presented a letter of dismission from the Presbytery of Philadelphia.

On motion, he was received and his name ordered enrolled.

A call from the Port Chester Church for the pastoral services of Rev. William Y. Brown was found in order, placed in his hands and accepted.

Rev. Mr. Brown and Elder John Miller, Jr., were appointed a committee to arrange for his installation.

The committee presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Time—immediately. To preside and propound the constitutional questions—The Moderator. Sermon—Rev. W. Hart Dexter. Charge to Pastor—Rev. John E. Bushnell. Charge to People—Rev. William B. Waller.

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The installation services were thereupon held as appointed, the benediction being pronounced by the newly installed pastor.

The minutes were read and approved.

Adjourned to meet in Thompsonville, Conn., on Tuesday, April 15, 1889.

Closed with prayer.

W. J. Cumming,
Stated Clerk.

J. H. Eastman,
Permanent Clerk.

THOMPSONVILLE, CONN., April 16, 1889.

Spring Stated Meeting, April 16, 1889.

The Presbytery of Westchester met agreeably to adjournment, in the Presbyterian Church, Thompsonville, Conn., April 16, 1889, at 7.30 P. M.

After devotional services a sermon was preached by the retiring Moderator, Rev. Irving E. White, from the text, John vi, 53, 54 and 56.

After the sermon the Presbytery was constituted with prayer by Rev. Wilson Phraner.

The roll was then called, and the following found to be present:

Ministers.	*Churches.*	*Elders.*
Addison K. Strong,	Gilead.	William H. Foster,
Daniel N. Freeland,	Huguenot Mem'l,	
Wilson Phraner,		
Lewis H. Reid,		
	Port Chester,	Noah W. Mosher,
J. Aspinwall Hodge,	Hartford,	W. Howard Stockwell,
Alexander Miller,	Mahopac Falls,	
Richard P. H. Vail,	Stamford, 1st,	
Robert P. Gibson,	Croton Falls,	
	Yonkers, 1st,	Ralph E. Prime,
Henry A. Davenport,	Bridgeport, 1st,	David F. Hollister,
William B. Waller,	New Rochelle,	Henry M. Lester,
John H. Eastman.	Katonah,	
Willis W. Dowd (2)		
J. Ritchie Smith,	Peekskill, 1st,	Uriah Hill,
James H. Hoyt,	Bedford,	David Travis,
William J. Cumming,	Yorktown,	
Charles E. Allison,	Dayspring,	
John H. Trussell.	South End Centre,	
Irving E. White,	Peekskill, 2d,	Morris E. Clinton,
Manfred P. Welcher.	South Salem,	Thomas Gilbert,
Harris R. Schenck,	Mt. Kisco,	George W. Banks,
	Sing Sing,	John P. Truesdel.
John E. Bushnell.	Rye.	William H. Parsons,
James G. Rodger,	New Haven, 1st,	
J. Howard Hobbs.	Greenwich, 1st.	Shadrach M. Brush,
John S. Allen.	Patterson,	
W. Hart Dexter,	Thompsonville.	Edward F. Parsons,
Arthur Requa.	Darien,	Benjamin Weed,
John S. Penman (2),	Irvington,	John T. Terry (2),
J. Hendrik de Vries,		
	White Plains,	Oliver R. Willis,
	Pleasantville,	Willet C. Brown,
	Westminster,	James Biggerstaff.
	Throggs Neck,	Mervin R. Baxter.
28		21

Total present.....49

Ministers Absent.—James Ely, Elias S. Schenck, Isaac P. Davison, Chauncey D. Rice, William W. Whipple, Hugh A.

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McKelvey, Charles E. Lindsley, David Murdoch, William Y. Brown, William Life, Talmon C. Perry, Andrew B. Morse, Rollin A. Sawyer, Edward T. Bromfield, Addison D. Madeira, Edward B. Allen, Thornton M. Niven, David A. Holbrook, Henry M. Baird, Homer S. Newcomb, Christopher R. Brown, Charles H. Riggs, Marcellus Bowen, John Reid, R. Randall Hoes, William K. Eddy, Charles P. Fagnani, Franklin B. Dwight, Charles S. Lane, William Gardner. 30.

Churches not Represented.—North Salem, Huguenot Memorial. South East, Greenburgh, Mahopac Falls, Stamford, 1st, Croton Falls, Katonah, Yorktown, Dayspring, South East Centre, Mt. Vernon, 1st, New Haven, 1st, Patterson, Pound Ridge 15.

Excused for absence from this meeting.—Rev. Messrs. Rollin A. Sawyer, William Y. Brown, Thornton M. Niven and John Reid; and Elders Joseph Barrett and Orson W. Sloat.

Excused for absence from the Fall Stated Meeting.—J. Aspinwall Hodge, J. Ritchie Smith, J. Howard Hobbs, and J. Hendrik de Vries.

Excused for absence from Intermediate Meeting.—Lewis H. Reid, Richard P. H. Vail, Charles E. Allison, W. Hart Dexter, and J. Hendrik de Vries.

Rev. R. Hart Dexter, of the Presbytery of Genesee, and Rev. R. N. Hammond, of the Presbytery of New York, of the United Presbyterian Church, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

Rev. James H. Hoyt was elected Moderator and Elder Ralph E. Prime was elected Temporary Clerk.

The Committee of Arrangements presented a report which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Devotional services, 8:30-9:30 A. M. Business sessions, 9:30 A. M.-12 M., and 2-6 P. M. Popular service in the interest of Systematic Beneficence to be presided over by Rev. William B. Waller, chairman of Committee on Systematic Beneficence, Wednesday, 7:30 P. M.

Reading of minutes of Fall Stated and Intermediate Meetings for information was dispensed with.

Rev. Messrs. Wilson Phraner, Harris R. Schenck and Manfred P. Welcher, and Elders David Travis and George W. Banks were appointed a committee to draft a minute and recommend appropriate action on the death of the late Rev. William Patterson, who departed this life February 6, 1889, at the age of eighty years.

Adjourned after prayer until 8:30 A. M.

WEDNESDAY, April 17, 8:30 A. M.

Spring Stated Meeting, April 17, 1889.

The Presbytery reassembled and spent the first hour in devotional services.

On motion the calling of the roll was dispensed with.

The minutes of yersterday's session were read and approved.

A communication from the Synod of New York on Sabbath Observance was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

A communication from Presbytery of Nassau on the revision of Chap. iii of the Confession of Faith was referred to the same committee.

A communication with respect to the overture of the Presbytery of Dayton in reference to purchase of a printing outfit for Board of Publication, was referred to Committee on Publication and Sabbath School Works.

A communication from Board of Home Missions on Synodical Aid Fund, was referred to the Committee on Church Extension.

A communication from Princeton Theological Seminary was referred to Committee on Education.

An appeal and complaint from members of the Session of the Greenwich First Church, were referred to Committee on Judicial Business.

A communication from the Southeast Centre Church, was referred to the same committee.

The Moderator announced the following committees:

I.—BILLS AND OVERTURES.

Ministers.—Irving E. White, John E. Bushnell, Harris R. Schenck.

Elders.—Henry M. Lester, Thomas Gilbert.

II.—JUDICIAL BUSINESS.

Ministers.—J. Ritchie Smith, William B. Waller, Richard P. H. Vail.

Elders.—William H. Parsons, Uriah Hill.

III.—Leave of Absence.

Minister.—J. Hendrik de Vries.
Elder.—James Biggerstaff.

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The following persons were placed in nomination as Commissioners to the General Assembly:

Ministers.—Andrew B. Morse, Wilson Phraner, J. Hendrick de Vries, Henry A. Davenport.
Elders.—Joseph Banks, Edward Wells, John P. Truesdel, David Travis, David Brainard.

Candidate John F. Lynn was received by letter of dismission from the Presbytery of New York.

The Committee on Revision of the Standing Committees (p. 89), presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

That Rev. W. Hart Dexter be appointed on Committee on Languages, and Rev. John Reid on Committee on Aid for Colleges, in place of Rev. Edward C. Moore.

The Committee also announced a vacancy on the Committee on Aid for Colleges caused by the recent death of Elder John W. Skinner, and recommended that Elder Ralph E. Prime be appointed in his place.

Messrs. John F. Lynn and Charles L. Carhart, were presented by the Committee on Education for examination for licensure.

On motion, the College diplomas were received in place of an examination on Philosophy, Astronomy, and Rhetoric.

They were examined in Systematic Theology, Church History, Government, and Sacraments.

Pending the examination Committee on Education presented a report, which was accepted and adopted:

During the year the following candidates have been under our care:

1. William J. Millar, of Mt. Kisco, was received under the care of Presbytery October, 1883. He has been forced to relinquish his studies for a while on account of his eyes.

2. Robert R. White, Yorktown, was received as a candidate in October, 1885. He is now a Senior at Amherst, and received aid from the Board of Education. The full amount was contributed by a member of the Bedford Church.

3. O. Edward Loe, New Haven, was received April, 1886. He declined to accept the appropriation from the Board, for which the Presbytery had recommended him, because uncertain as to his future course. He is in the Senior class at Yale.

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4. Hugh L. Hodge, Hartford, was licensed by the Presbytery June, 1885. He is now finishing his third year at the Princeton Theological Seminary, and will spend next year in Europe studying and teaching.

5. Richard M. Hodge, Hartford, was licensed at the same time, June, 1888, and also graduates from the Theological Seminary at Princeton next month.

6. George Cornwell, Yorktown, was received under the care of Presbytery October, 1888. He is studying at Union Theological Seminary.

7. Arthur Davies, New Haven, was received as a candidate January 15, 1889. He is in the Theological Seminary at New Haven, and was recommended to the Board for aid for one-third of the usual amount, which was granted.

8. Charles Lyman Carhart, Peekskill, 1st, graduated at Yale, and was received under the care of Presbytery January 15, 1889. He is in the Senior class at Union Seminary, and applies for licensure.

According to the minutes of the General Assembly, 1888, our Presbytery contributed $936 to the cause of education, and only six of our churches failed to contribute. But, according to the report of the Board, only $769 was sent to its treasury, and there were seven non-contributing churches.

It is to be borne in mind that ordinations do not keep pace with the deaths, disabilities, and dismissals in the ministry. Multitudes of new fields are opening at home and abroad, and there is at present no need in our church to be compared in importance with the increase of candidates. A larger number of candidates calls for more money for the Board.

Samuel Colgate Hodge, of the Hartford Church, was received under the care of Presbytery as a candidate for the ministry upon a written statement of his Christian experience and motives for entering the ministry.

On motion Rev. William J. Cumming was appointed to supervise the studies of candidate George Cornwell, and the Committee on Education were authorized to assign him parts of trial.

The committee on the affairs of the Throgg's Neck Church (p. 90) presented a report, which was accepted.

Pending consideration of the recommendations of the report, the committee to make arrangements for the installation of Rev. John S. Penman at Irving-

ton, presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows :

Spring Stated Meeting, April 17, 1889.

Time.—Wednesday evening, May 29, 1889. To preside and propound the constitutional questions, the Moderator. Sermon—Rev. Charles H. Parkhurst of the Presbytery of New York, to be invited; alternate, Rev. William B. Waller. Charge to the pastor—Rev. J. Ritchie Smith ; alternate, Rev. John H. Eastman. Charge to the people—Rev. Washington Choate ; alternate, Rev. Wilson Phraner. Prayer of Installation—Rev. W. Hart Dexter.

Pending action on the report of the committee on the Throgg's Neck Church, recess was taken until 2 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, 2 P. M.

The Presbytery reassembled.

The first order for the afternoon was taken up, the election of Commissioners to the General Assembly.

Rev. Messrs. John S. Allen and Arthur Requa and Elders George W. Banks and Noah W. Mosher were appointed tellers.

Rev. J. Aspinwall Hodge reported receiving a letter from Rev. William Gardner, who has felt obliged to return from Corea on account of the climate.

The Committee on Languages reported the examination of Candidates Lynn and Carhart in Hebrew and Greek, and also their Latin theses and Greek exegeses, and recommended their approval.

On motion, the Committee on Philosophy, Astronomy, and Rhetoric were directed to present their report on the sermons and popular lectures at the Intermediate Meeting, and it was ordered that absence of these papers, miscarried in the mails, should not stand in the way of licensure at this meeting.

The roll was called, and the examinations as a whole were unanimously sustained.

On motion the Presbytery proceeded to the licens-

ure of the candidates. After assenting to the constitutional questions prescribed, John F. Lynn and Charles Lyman Carhart were duly licensed to preach the gospel.

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The report of the tellers for the election of commissioners to the General Assembly was presented, and the following were declared elected :

PRINCIPALS.

Ministers.	*Elders.*
Wilson Phraner,	Edward Wells,
Henry A. Davenport,	John P. Truesdel.

ALTERNATES.

Ministers.	*Elders.*
Andrew B. Morse,	Joseph Banks,
J. Hendrik de Vries,	David Brainard.

The consideration of the report of Committee on the Throgg's Neck Church was resumed, and the following substitute for the original report was adopted :

Resolved, 1. That a commission of Presbytery be appointed to visit the Throgg's Neck Church, and in the name of the Presbytery advise, counsel and direct that church as to what should be done in the circumstances in which it is placed,

Resolved, 2. That Rev. Messrs. Daniel N. Freeland, Thornton M. Niven, John E. Bushnell, Henry A. Davenport and Elders William H. Parsons, John H. Dye and Henry M. Lester be that commission.

A call of the Pleasantville Church for the pastoral services of Licentiate John F. Lynn was presented, found in order, and placed in his hands. On signifying his acceptance of the call, Rev. Harris R. Schenck and Elder Willet C. Brown were appointed a committee to make arrangement for his installation.

The Committee on the Minutes of the Synod presented a report which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows :

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The Committee on Home Missions presented a report, which was accepted and is as follows:

The contributions to the Board for the year just completed have been $832,000 as compared with $783,000 for the previous year. Contributions have reached the treasury of the Board from all our churches except Bedford, Greenwich, Pleasantville, South East Centre and Throgg's Neck. Some of these churches, however, have made contributions to the funds of the Women's Executive Committee for the school work of the church, or also through the Sabbath-schools for the general work. The aggregate amount for Home Missions proper from all our churches is about the same as last year, viz., $3,237.11 this year as against $3,222,19 the year before. Sabbath-school collections have fallen off from $620.24 last year to $317.82 this. The amount contributed by the Women's Executive Committee we are not able to give. But assuming that the collections from this source are the same as last year, the collections from all the churches of Presbytery to Home Missions amount to nearly $8,000.

The Committee on Church Extension made a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

The Synod of New York has assumed the direction of Home Mission work within its own bounds by establishing the Synodical Aid Fund. This Presbytery failed to contribute the amount asked for to the fund. The following appropriations were made and sums drawn during the past year:

North Salem Church	$250
Huguenot Memorial	100
Preaching at Somers	100
Pleasantville Church	250
	$700

The committee recommend the approval of the following applications for aid:

Pleasantville Church	$300
Preaching at Somers	150
New Haven First Church	500
	$950

With regard to the New Haven First Church your committee recommend that matters be left as they are at present in the expectation that satisfactory arrangements may be made.

The Committee on Publication and Sabbath-school Work made a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

The committee recommend concurrence in the overture sent to the General Assembly from the Presbytery of Dayton.

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The Committee to make arrangements for the ordination and installation of Licentiate John F. Lynn, at Pleasantville, made a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

That Presbytery, when it adjourns, adjourn to meet at Pleasantville, Wednesday, May 15, 1889, at 1:30 P. M., for the examination of Mr. Lynn, and if his examination be sustained, proceed to his ordination and installation as pastor of that church under the following order of service: To preside and propound the constitutional questions and make ordaining prayer—The Moderator. Sermon—Rev. John T. Wilds of Presbytery of New York, to be invited; alternate, Rev. Harris R. Schenck. Charge to the pastor—Rev. Irving E. White; alternate, Rev. John H. Eastman. Charge to the people—Rev. Charles S. Lane; alternate, Rev. William B. Waller.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported on the communication from Synodical Committee on Sabbath Observance referred to them, recommending that the Presbytery adopt the recommendations made therein. The report was adopted. The recommendations are as follows:

1. That, as far as possible, a popular service in the interests of the Sabbath, be held in connection with the spring meetings of Presbyteries.

2. That, in Presbyteries not having a Sabbath committee one be appointed, to whom this, and all other communications on the Sabbath be referred for consideration and action.

3. That the recommendation of Synod "that on the second Lord's Day of May all our ministers be requested to present to their congregations the claims of the Lord's Day" be universally responded to, thereby insuring simultaneous attention to this cause throughout all of our churches.

4. That popular meetings in the interest of the Sabbath be held at central points within the bounds of each Presbytery during the months of May or June. That pains be taken at such union gatherings to distribute tracts, and documents bearing on the civil and religious aspects of the Sabbath question. That full reports of such meetings be made in the local papers.

5. The Committee earnestly appeal to all the laymen of our churches and congregations, whether in office as elders or trustees, or not, to use all their private and official influence for the better observance of the Christian Sabbath. We suggest to them to combine in their respective localities for the furtherance of the civil Sabbath. We do so in the interest of that large and growing number of men in every community who are being robbed of the weekly day of rest and of all its home and church blessings, by the demand for their Sabbath labor, or, in the loss of their places of employment Let the influence of every

Christian layman be positive and pronounced in behalf of staying the public desecration of the Lord's day by any and all forms of enforced labor.

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The Committee also reported as the overture to the General Assembly from the Presbytery of Nassau on the revision of Chapter III. of Confession of Faith, recommending that the Presbytery do not concur in the overture.

The Committee to report action on the death of the Rev. William Patterson made a report, which was accepted and adopted, and it was ordered that the following resolutions be entered upon the minutes:

1. We reverently acknowledge God as the Giver of Life, and submit with cheerful faith unto His dealings with His children. In so doing, we cherish the memory of a good man, who stood faithfully by his post while life and strength lasted.

2. We present our sincere sympathies to the bereaved family of our brother, to the church to which he so long ministered, to the community where he so long lived and labored, and to all who knew and loved him.

3. We affectoinately urge the church at Pound Ridge to ever cherish his memory as a beloved pastor, a wise teacher, a gentle guide, a faithful friend. Let his name be handed down to the children's children, as a shining example of what the grace of God can do in the heart and life of a child of God.

4. In this expression of our sympathy for the church at Pound Ridge, we earnestly pray that God shall send to that church one who shall prove a worthy successor of Father Patterson in the pastorate of that church.

5. We hereby resolve that a memorial service be held at Bedford, July 5, 1889, at 1:30 P. M., or at such other time and place as the committee in charge may decide. That at this service the Moderator of Presbytery preside, and a memorial address be presented by the Rev. Wilson Phraner, D. D., with such other arrangements as the two first named brethren may make.

6. That a copy of this paper and these resolutions be forwarded to the family of Father Patterson, to the church at Pound Ridge, and that they be published in the Mt. Kisco papers, and at least one of our denominational weeklies.

On motion the Committee was empowered to make all arrangements as to time, place and order of service for a memorial service.

The Committee on Narrative made a report, which was accepted, adopted and is as follows:

Reports have been received from thirty-five of our thirty-six churches.

Narratives show that the year has been one of abundant benediction. The Holy Spirit has been in and with the churches, preserving the in the "unity of the faith and in the bonds of love." With but two exceptions, it has been a remarkable year of peace, activity and growth in all the churches.

I.—Public Worship.

Spring Stated Meeting, April 17, 1889.

All our churches have been supplied with preaching throughout the year, with quickened attention, increased attendance, a large and steadily growing number of children and youth present at the Lord's Day public services.

II.—Sabbath Schools.

Sabbath schools and mission schools are in an exceedingly healthy condition. There has been a very manifest increase of interest on part of teachers and scholars in the study of the Word and in gifts to the benevolent work of the church.

The Westminister Lesson Helps are used in all the schools, and the Shorter Catechism is taught in all but two.

III.—Meetings for Prayer.

Prayer meetings have been sustained in every church, and in two-thirds of our churches young people's meetings, associations and societies have been carried on with very blessed results. The monthly concert for missions seems to be a growing institution in the churches.

IV.—Family Religion.

Faithful instruction has been given, and there is every reason to believe that it has not been in vain. From many of the churches the report is very cheering, and we are glad to believe that God's covenant is to so good and growing a degree honored.

V.—Benevolence.

Perhaps the churches of our Presbytery have never had a more fruitful year in Christian giving. Many report a large advance. Sabbath schools have been brought into line, and the women have been, as usual, faithful and abundant in good works.

VI.—Revivals.

Several of our churches report a special work of grace, and many accessions have been the result. One church reports 60, two others over 50, while several speak of additions ranging in number from 2 to 40. The fourteen churches reporting the number of additions give us a total of 300. Many speak of additions at nearly every communion, the larger part in every case being from the Sabbath schools.

VII.—Watch and Care.

The sessions have been to a good degree faithful.

So far as the narratives indicate it has been a year of marked favor to the churches of our Presbytery. New buildings have been erected, others have been enlarged and beautified. Debts have been removed, and financial obligations have been for the most faithfully and promptly met, and it is pleasing to record that our churches were never more earnest in their efforts not only to hold but to advance the "Faith once delivered."

It was ordered that a copy be sent to the General Assembly.

The committee to draft an appropriate minute on the removal of Rev. Washington Choate presented a report, which was accepted and adopted, and the Stated Clerk was directed to send copies of the min-

ute to the Fairfield West Association of Congregational Ministers, and to Mr. Choate. The minute is as follows:

Spring Stated Meeting, April 17, 1889.

Presbytery desires to record an expression of its sincere regret in view of the withdrawal of the Rev. Washington Choate from its membership, in order to accept the pastorate of the Congregational Church of Greenwich, Conn.

During Mr. Choate's connection with Presbytery as pastor of the church at Irvington he has commanded our unqualified respect and uniform regard. We have seen in him the scholarly gentleman, the consistent Christian minister, and the genial co-presbyter. We have admired the originality, freshness and progressive character of his thought, the strength and grace of his writing, and honesty and power of his pulpit work. In all our intercourse with him he had revealed to us great soundness of judgment, and a spirit ever delighting in whatever is true and fair.

We have valued his presence in our counsels, and have always recognized the wisdom of his words upon questions that were difficult and delicate. He has moved among us as a manly Christian with a broad mind and a kind heart, sound in doctrine and earnest in work, strong in all his convictions, and having the courage of them.

Deeply regretting his withdrawal from association with us as a co-worker, we wish him a hearty God-speed in the new field of labor to which he goes.

Rev. Charles E. Lindsley reported that he had declared vacant the pulpit of the Thogg's Neck Church according to the direction of Presbytery. Report accepted.

An invitation from the Rye Church for the Fall Stated meeting was accepted.

Rev. Irving E. White reported the installation at Thompsonville, Conn., on Oct, 10, 1888.

The committee to make arrangements for the installation of Rev. John S. Allen, at Patterson, presented a report, which was accepted, adopted and is as follows:

Time.—Wednesday, May 15, 1889, at 7.30 P. M. To preside and propound the constitutional questions and offer prayer of installation, the Moderator. Sermon—Rev. Addison K. Strong; alternate, Rev. Wilson Phraner. Charge to the Pastor—Rev. James H. Hoyt; alternate, Rev. John H. Eastman. Charge to the People—Rev. Charles E. Allison; alternate, Rev. William J. Cumming.

The Committee on Judicial Business presented a

report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Spring Stated Meeting, April 17, 1889.

1. Appeal and complaint from members of the Session of the Greenwich Church.

The Committee disregard defects of form as the case was presented in substance with clearness. We offer the following resolutions:

That we deem the action of the Session in refusing to grant the request of the pastor for delay was injudicious and discourteous;

That the action of the Moderator in refusing to put the motion was unparliamentary; and

WHEREAS, request has been made by both parties for a committee or commission, we recommend that a commission of five members be appointed to visit the church, to redress any grievances that may exist, and that no action be taken by the Session upon the subject matter of the appeal except by the authority of the commission.

2. The Session of the South East Centre Church asks advice regarding members of the church who had absented themselves from worship and have given no financial aid for the last five years, or since the removal of the church to Brewster.

We advise that every effort be made in the spirit of Christian love, to bring these members again into proper relation to the church. Should such effort fail, the process of discipline prescribed in the book remains, and should be resorted to, if, in the the judgement of the Session, the interests of the church and religion require it.

The Committee on Judicial Business were appointed as the commission called for by the report.

Moderators were appointed for the Sessions of vacant churches as follows:

Rev. Elias S. Schenck,	North Salem.
Rev. Addison K. Strong,	Gilead.
Rev. Harris R. Schenck,	White Plains.
Rev. James H. Hoyt,	Pleasantville.
Rev. J. Hendrik de Vries,	Westminster.
Rev. John S. Allen,	Patterson.
Rev. John H. Trussell,	South East Centre.
Rev. James H. Hoyt,	Pound Ridge.
Rev. Daniel N. Freeland,	Throgg's Neck.

The Presbytery took a recess until 7:30 P. M.

WEDNESDAY, 7:30 P.M.

The Presbytery reassembled, and a public service was held under the direction of the Committee on Systematic Beneficence.

Addresses were made by Rev. William B. Waller, Chairman of the Committee; by Rev. J. Aspinwall

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Hodge, on Scriptural Principles of Systematic Beneficence; by Rev. William J. Cumming, on Results of Systematic Beneficence; followed by discussion.

Business was then resumed.

The Committee on Leave of Absence presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee had granted leave of absence to

Ministers.—John S. Penman, Daniel N. Freeland, James G. Rodger, Henry A. Davenport, Richard P. H. Vail, John S. Allen, John E. Bushnell, Lewis H. Reid, and

Elders.—John T. Terry, Ralph E. Prime, David F. Hollister, William H. Parsons, Shadrach M. Brush, George W. Banks, David Travis, and John P. Truesdel.

The Committee to revise the History of Presbytery (p. 78), made a verbal report, commending the history, approving of its publication, and giving a plan for communicating with the Sessions as to number of copies which would be taken. Report accepted.

Amendment proposed to Standing Rule with regard to the consolidation of Committees on Home Missions and Church Extension the new committee to be known as the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension (p. 79), was adopted.

The number composing the new committee was fixed at three ministers and two elders.

The present Committee on Home Missions was appointed the new committee.

The roll was called, and the following were found to have withdrawn from the Sessions of Presbytery without leave:

Elders—Noah W. Mosher, Henry M. Lester, and Mervin R. Baxter.

It was resolved, That the Presbytery hereby extends its hearty thanks for its hospitable reception by the Thompsonville Church, to the Pastor and Congregation of the Church; to the Choir for their helpful services; to the Ladies, for their generous

welcome; and to all who have opened their doors for the entertainment of the members of Presbytery. In doing this, we earnestly pray for the blessing of God upon this church, so recently blessed with a rich harvest of souls, that all may be built up in the most holy faith. Spring Stated Meeting, April 17, 1889.

The minutes of to-day's session were read and approved.

Adjourned, to meet at Pleasantville, N. Y., May 15, 1889, at 1:30 P. M.

Closed with prayer by Rev. J. Aspinwall Hodge, and benediction by the Moderator.

W. J. CUMMING,
Stated Clerk.

J. H. EASTMAN,
Permanent Clerk.

OFFICERS OF PRESBYTERY.

Moderator.—Rev. James H. Hoyt, Bedford, N. Y.; Stated Clerk and Treasurer—Rev. William J. Cumming, Yorktown, N. Y.; Permanent Clerk—Rev. John H. Eastman, Katonah, N. Y.

TRUSTEES.

Ministers.—Rollin A. Sawyer, Richard P. H. Vail, Thornton M. Niven, John E. Bushnell.

Elders.—Edward Wells, Uriah Hill, William H. Parsons, Thomas G. Ritch, Benjamin Weed.

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1889.

Churches	36	Added on examination,	427
Ministers	58	Added on certificate.	279
Licentiates	8	Total Communicants	6,543
Candidates	6	Adults baptized.	136
Elders	141	Infants.	161
Deacons.	51	Sunday-schoolMembership,	5,787

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Home Missions	$12,370.	Freedmen	$1,045
Foreign Missions	7,345.	Synodical Aid Fund	444
Education	791.	Aid for Colleges	450
Publication	774.	General Assembly	728
Church Erection	920.	Congregational	101,182
Relief Fund	1,186	Miscellaneous	10,329
			$137,564

PLEASANTVILLE, N. Y., May 15, 1889.

Adjourned Meeting, May 15, 1889.

The Presbytery of Westchester met pursuant to adjournment in the Presbyterian Church, Pleasantville, N. Y., Wednesday, May 15, 1889, at 1:30 P. M., and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator, Rev. James H. Hoyt.

The roll was called, and the following found to be present:

Ministers.	*Churches.*	*Elders.*
John H. Eastman,	Katonah.	
James H. Hoyt,	Bedford.	
William J. Cumming,	Yorktown.	
Charles S. Lane,	Mt. Vernon, 1st.	
John F. Lynn,	Pleasantville.	Willet C. Brown.
	5	1

Total present..... 6

Excused for Absence.—Rev. Messrs. Addison K. Strong, Irving E. White and Harris R. Schenck.

Rev. John T. Wilds, of the Presbytery of New York, was invited to sit as corresponding member.

A communication was received from Rev. Franklin B. Dwight, asking for the dissolution of his pastoral relation with the church at Sing Sing was read, and, on motion, it was ordered that a citation be issued to that church to appear at the Intermediate Meeting, and show cause why the request should not be granted.

Licentiate John F. Lynn presented himself for ordination.

On motion, it was resolved that his recent examination for licensure (p. 98), be taken as sufficient for ordination.

Mr. Lynn gave an outline of a sermon, which, on motion, was approved.

On motion, it was resolved to proceed immediately to the ordination and installation.

After devotional exercises, a sermon was preached by the Rev. John T. Wilds, of the Presbytery of New York.

Adjourned Meeting, May 15, 1889.

The Moderator propounded the constitutional questions and offered the ordaining prayer.

Rev. John H. Eastman, alternate, charged the pastor, and Rev. Charles S. Lane the people.

It was ordered that Mr. Lynn's name be enrolled.

The minutes were read and approved.

Presbytery adjourned to meet in Darien Church, Newton, Conn., on the third Tuesday of June.

Closed with prayer.

W. J. Cumming,
Stated Clerk.

J. H. Eastman,
Permanent Clerk.

NOROTON, CONN., June 18, 1889.

Intermediate Stated Meeting, June 18, 1889.

The Presbytery of Westchester met agreeably to appointment in the Darien Presbyterian Church, Nroton, Conn., Tuesday, June 18, 1889, at 10:45 A. M., and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator, Rev. James H. Hoyt.

The roll was called and the following found to be present:

Ministers.	*Churches.*	*Elders.*
Elias S. Schenck,	North Salem,	
Wilson Phraner,		
Lewis H. Reid,		
Rollin A. Sawyer,		
Thornton M. Niven,	Greenburgh,	
David A. Holbrook,		
Richard P. H. Vail,	Stamford, 1st,	Moses M. Hobby,
John Reid,	Yonkers, 1st,	Ralph E. Prime,
Henry A. Davenport,	Bridgeport, 1st,	Richard H. Townsend,
	New Rochelle,	John G. Ross,
John H. Eastman,	Katonah,	Joseph Barrett,
J. Ritchie Smith,	Peekskill, 1st,	Sanford R. Knapp,
James H. Hoyt,	Bedford,	
William J. Cumming,	Yorktown,	
Harris R. Schenck,	Mt. Kisco,	
Charles S. Lane,	Mt. Vernon, 1st,	
J. Howard Hobbs,	Greenwich, 1st,	
W. Hart Dexter,	Thompsonville, 1st,	
Arthur Requa,	Darien,	James A. Shaw,
J. Hendrik de Vries,		
	White Plains,	Oliver R. Willis.
19		8

Total present.....27

Ministers Absent.—James Ely, Isaac S. Davison, Chauncey D. Rice, William W. Whipple, Addison K. Strong, Daniel N. Freeland, Hugh A. McKelvey, Charles E. Lindsley, David Murdoch, William Y. Brown, William Life, Talmon C. Perry, Andrew B. Morse, J. Aspinwall Hodge, Edward T. Bromfield, Addison D. Madeira, Edward B. Allen, Henry M. Baird, Homer S. Newcomb, Christopher R. Brown, Charles H. Riggs, Alexander Miller, Robert P. Gibson, Marcellus Bowen, William B. Waller, R. Randall Hoes, Willis W. Dowd, William K. Eddy, Charles E. Allison, John H. Trussell, Irving E. White, Manfred P. Welcher, Charles P. Fagnani, Franklin B. Dwight, John E. Bushnell, James G. Rodger, John S. Allen, John S. Penman, William Gardner, John F. Lynn. 40.

Churches not Represented—North Salem, Gilead, Huguenot Memorial, Port Chester, Hartford, South East, Greenburgh, Mahopac Falls, Croton Falls, Bedford, Yorktown, Dayspring, South East Centre, Peekskill, 2d, South Salem, Mt. Kisco, Sing Sing, Mt. Vernon, 1st, Rye, New Haven, 1st, Greenwich, 1st, Patterson, Thompsonville, Irvington, Pleasantville, Westminster, Throgg's Neck, Pound Ridge. 28.

Excused for Absence from this Meeting.—Rev. Messrs. William B. Waller and William W. Whipple.

Excused for Absence from Spring Stated Meeting.—Rev. William W. Whipple.

Intermediate Meeting, June 18, 1889.

The Committee of Arrangements presented its report, which was accepted, adopted and is as follows:

Morning Session, 10:45 A. M. to 12:15 P. M. Afternoon Session, 1:30 to 4:30 P. M.

A communication from the Chili Mission was referred to the Committee on Foreign Missions.

A communication was received from Rev. William Gardner, who is on his way home from Corea.

Request of Rev. Franklin B. Dwight for the dissolution of the pastoral relation with the Sing Sing Church (p. 111) was read.

Rev. David A. Holbrook and Mr. James A. Hart, commissioners from that Church were heard and stated the regretful concurrence of the Church and congregation in this request.

On motion, the request was granted to take effect at once.

Rev. Messrs. Wilson Phraner and J. Ritchie Smith and Elder Sanford R. Knapp were appointed a committee to prepare an appropriate minute in regard to the dissolution.

Rev. John H. Eastman was appointed to preach in the Sing Sing Church June 30th, and declare the pulpit vacant.

Rev. David A. Holbrook was appointed Moderator of the session of the Sing Sing Church.

Rev. James C. Nightingale of the Presbytery of New York was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Committees to install Rev. John S. Allen at Paterson, and Rev. John S. Penman at Irvington, reported the performance of the duties assigned on May 15th and 29th, respectively.

The committee to arrange for a service in memory of Rev. William Patterson, reported that such a service would he held in the Bedford Church, Wednesday, July 10th, at 1:30 P. M. Rev. Messrs. Wilson Phraner and Rollin A. Sawyer would make addresses at that time. Report adopted. Intermediate Meeting, June 18, 1889.

Announcement was made of the death of Harrison Teller, M.D., Elder of the Mt. Kisco Church, on Monday, June 17, 1889.

Rev. Messrs. Wilson Phraner and Henry A. Davenport, Commissioners to the General Assembly, reported their attendance. On motion, their report was accepted and their fidelity approved.

Recess taken until 1:30 P. M.

1:30 P.M.

Presbytery reassembled.

The Committee on Education reported that Mr. Charles Dillon of the Darien Church had come before them, desiring to be received under the care of the Presbytery as a candidate for the ministry, and recommended him to the consideration of the Presbytery.

After examination by the Moderator as to his religious experience and motives in seeking the ministry, on motion, he was received under the care of the Presbytery.

He was also recommended to the Board of Education for aid to the amount of $50 annually.

Rev. Henry A. Davenport, from the Commission on the Throgg's Neck Church (p. 101), made a verbal statement that the Commission visited the church, and, after investigation, action was taken by which the present Session was to resign, the rotary system was to be adopted, and a new Session elected, and that the church with great unaninity had carried out this action.

Intermediate Meeting, June 18, 1889.

On motion, Rev. William B. Waller was appointed Moderator of the Session of the Throgg's Neck Church in place of Rev. Daniel N. Freeland, who asked to be relieved on account of ill-health.

The report of the Commission appointed to visit the Greenwich Church (p. 107) was called for.

Pending the presentation of the report, Rev. J. Howard Hobbs requested the dissolution of his pastoral relation with that church.

The report of the Commission was then read.

Elder Edwin A. Knapp was heard as commissioner from the congregation, and Mr. W. S. Waterbury read the action of a congregational meeting concurring in the request of Mr. Hobbs.

On motion, the report was accepted and its recommendations were adopted. They are as follows:

1. That the Presbytery give explicit direction to the Session of the Greenwich Church either to receive or reject the letters of Dr. Henry M. Hitchcock and family.
2. That the Commission be discharged.

The following resolutions were then adopted:

1. That the Session be directed to suspend action on the letters of Dr. Hitchcock and family.
2. That the election of Elders be set aside.
3. That a new election of three Elders be held; that Messrs. Edwin A. Knapp and Garrick S. Scofield be nominated, and that the persons just named be empowered to nominate a third.
4. That those members who have asked or have received letters of dismission be earnestly requested, as loyal Presbyterians, to withdraw their request or return their letters.
5. That Rev. Messrs. J. Aspinwall Hodge, Wilson Phraner, and John Reid, and Elders Sanford R. Knapp and Ralph E. Prime be appointed a Commission to see that this action be carried out.

The request of Mr. Hobbs for the dissolution of the pastoral relation was, on motion, laid on the table.

The Committee on Foreign Missions reported that the paper referred to them required no action.

Adjourned to meet in the Presbyterian Church, Rye, N. Y., Tuesday, Oct. 1, 1889.

Closed with prayer.

Intermediate Meeting, June 18, 1889.

W. J. CUMMING,
Stated Clerk.

J. H. EASTMAN,
Permanent Clerk.

NEW YORK, July 18, 1889.

Special Meeting, July 18, 1889.

The Presbytery of Westchester met in Lenox Hall, Presbyterian Mission House, 53 Fifth Avenue, New York, Thursday, July 18, 1889, at 10.30 A. M., pursuant to the following call:

At the request of two ministers and two elders, the elders being of different congregations, in accordance with Form of Government X., 10, a special meeting of the Presbytery of Westchester will be held at the Presbyterian House, 53 Fifth Avenue, New York City, on Thursday, July 18, 1889, at 10.30 A. M., to issue the following business:

1. To hear the report of the Commission appointed to visit the church at Greenwich, Conn.
2. To act upon the resignation of the pastor of said church.
3. To take action in regard to the condition of the church at New Haven, Conn.

J. H. HOYT, *Moderator.*

BEDFORD, N. Y., July 8, 1889.

The Presbytery was constituted with prayer by the Moderator, Rev. James H. Hoyt.

The roll was called, and the following found to be present:

Ministers.	*Churches.*	*Elders.*
Elias S. Schenck,	North Salem,	
Chauncey D. Rice,		
Addison K. Strong,	Gilead,	
Daniel N. Freeland,	Huguenot Mem'l,	David I. Carson.
J. Aspinwall Hodge,	Hartford,	
Rollin A. Sawyer,		
Thornton M. Niven,	Greenburgh,	
Alexander Miller,	Mahopac Falls,	
Richard P. H. Vail,	Stamford 1st,	
Robert P. Gibson,	Croton Falls,	
H'y A. Davenport,	Bridgeport 1st,	
John H. Eastman,	Katonah,	
Willis W. Dowd,		
J. Ritchie Smith,	Peekskill 1st,	Sanford R. Knapp.
James H. Hoyt,	Bedford,	David Travis.
Wm. J. Cumming,	Yorktown,	
Charles E. Allison,	Dayspring,	
John H. Trussell,	South East Centre,	
Harris R. Schenck,	Mt. Kisco,	
Charles S. Lane,	Mt. Vernon 1st,	
John E. Bushnell,	Rye,	William H. Parsons.
	New Haven 1st,	Andrew M. Bartlett.
J. Howard Hobbs,	Greenwich 1st,	
Arthur Requa,	Darien,	Benjamin Weed.
John F. Lynn,	Pleasantville,	
	White Plains.	Oliver R. Willis.
	Throgg's Neck,	Charles H. Randall.
24		8

Total present.....32

The call for the meeting was then read.

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Rev. H. H. McFarland, of the Manhattan Association of Congregational Ministers, and Rev. George M. McCampbell, of the Presbytery of Brooklyn, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

The record of action of Presbytery appointing the Commission to visit the Greenwich church (p. 116), was read by request.

The report of the Commission was presented by the Chairman, Rev. J. Aspinwall Hodge. The report was accepted.

The recommendations of the report were, on motion, laid on the table for the present, and a motion made to approve the action of the Commission, which was adopted.

The recommendations were then taken up seriatum, and adopted.

The report is as follows :

The Commission appointed by the Presbytery June 18, 1889, to carry out its action in regard to the church at Greenwich, Conn., would respectfully report :

The full Commission visited Greenwich on July 1 and had a long conference with the representatives of both parties in the church, and explained to them the attitude and wishes of the Presbytery, as well as the nature and object of the action taken on June 18. To these and to the congregation that assembled in the evening the Commission presented as earnestly as possible the importance of adopting the plan proposed by the Presbytery.

Due notice had been given that an election for elders would be held that evening under the direction of the Commission. The former election was declared to be void by the action of Presbytery. The candidates named by the Presbytery were nominated. They, however, declared that they had failed to agree on a third person. Others were nominated by the members of the church. The following persons were elected by an almost unanimous vote : Edwin A. Knapp, Shadrach M. Brush, Edward B. Cristy and W. S. Waterbury.

The Commission, after a conference and a remonstrance to the congregation, installed these persons as Ruling Elders under the rotary system, according to our Form of Government.

1. We recommend that the resignation of the pastor be now taken from the table, and that he be released from his duties to that church, the dissolution to take effect on this the 18th day of July.

2. That Rev. James H. Hoyt preach on Sabbath, July 28, and declare the pulpit vacant.

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3. That the Presbytery directs that the Session of the church see that the salary of the pastor be immediately paid up to the above mentioned date, July 18.

4. That Rev. John E. Bushnell be appointed Moderator of the Session until the next meeting of Presbytery, and that the Session in the meanwhile have permission to supply its pulpit.

5. That the Presbytery in releasing Rev. J. Howard Hobbs from his pastorate hereby expresses its high appreciation of the work which he has done in Greenwich, and its continued confidence in him as an earnest and able minister of Jesus Christ, and cordially recommend him to the churches as an efficient pastor.

On motion, it was resolved that while Presbytery recognizes the fact that the Church at Greenwich has acted within its constitutional rights, it has yet heard with regret and disapproval that the Church has failed to respect the recommendation of Presbytery.

The report as a whole was then adopted.

The following protest was printed and ordered on the minutes:

The undersigned respectfully protests against the action approving of the report of the Commission sent to the Greenwich Church as to the following points:

1. That the Commission did not carry out the instructions of Presbytery by which it was created to secure the election of a compromise Session.

2. That the Commission went beyond its powers in installing the same elders elected by the congregation in opposition to the advice of Presbytery, and in so-doing virtually decreeing the dissolution of the pastorate.

ROLLIN A. SAWYER.

On motion the Commission was discharged.

The third item in the call—the condition of the New Haven Church—was then taken up.

The proceedings of a congregational meeting were read, requesting the dissolution of the pastoral relation between Rev. James G. Rodger and the New Haven Church.

Messrs. Andrew M. Bartlett and S. H. Galbraith were heard as Commissioners from the Church and congregation.

On motion it was ordered that the pastor and congregation be cited to appear at the Fall Stated Meeting of Presbytery to show cause why the request should not be granted. Special Meeting, July 18, 1889.

On motion a commission of three ministers and two elders was appointed to visit the New Haven Church and investigate its condition.

Rev. Messrs. Richard P. H. Vail, Henry A. Davenport, and W. Hart Dexter and Elders David F. Hollister and William H. Parsons were appointed such commission.

On motion the Commission was empowered by the Presbytery to advise with the Trustees as to the property interests of the Church.

The minutes were read and approved.

Adjourned to meet in the Presbyterian Church, Rye, N. Y., Tuesday, October 1, 1889.

Closed with prayer.

W. J. Cumming,
Stated Clerk.

J. H. Eastman,
Permanent Clerk.

RYE, N. Y., October 1, 1889.

Fall Stated Meeting, October 1, 1889.

The Presbytery of Westchester met pursuant to adjournment in the Presbyterian Church, Rye, N. Y., Tuesday, October 1, 1889, at 2.30 P. M., and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator, Rev. James H. Hoyt.

The roll was called and the following found to be present:

Ministers.	*Churches.*	*Elders.*
Addison K. Strong,	Gilead,	William H. Foster.
Daniel N. Freeland,	Huguenot Memorial,	David I. Carson.
Hugh A. McKelvey,		
Charles E. Lindsley (2),		
David Murdoch,		
Lewis H. Reid,		
William Y. Brown,	Port Chester,	John Miller, Jr.
William Life,		
Talmon C. Perry,		
Andrew B. Morse,		
J. Aspinwall Hodge,	Hartford,	Alexander Spence.
Edward T. Bromfield (2),	South East,	Thomas S. Lawrence (2).
Thornton M. Niven,	Greenburgh,	Richard R. Tyres.
Theodore S. Pond (2),		
John T. Wills (2),	Greenwich, 1st,	Edwin A. Knapp.
	Mahopac Falls,	James F. Kennard.
Richard P. H. Vail,	Stamford, 1st,	Thomas G. Ritch (2).
Robert P. Gibson,	Croton Falls,	George W. Abrams.
John Reid (2),	Yonkers, 1st,	Lucius E. Clark (2).
Henry A. Davenport (2),	Bridgeport, 1st,	
William B. Waller,	New Rochelle,	John A. Olford (2).
John H. Eastman,	Katonah,	Joseph Barrett.
Willis W. Dowd (2),		
	Peekskill, 1st,	Edward Wells.
James H. Hoyt,	Bedford,	John G. Clark.
William J. Cumming,	Yorktown,	Henry White.
Charles E. Allison,	Dayspring,	Thomas F. Hope.
John H. Trussell,	South East Centre,	Warren S. Paddock (2).
Irving E. White,	Peekskill, 2d,	Morris E. Clinton.
Manfred P. Welcher,	South Salem,	John F. Bouton.
Harris R. Scheuck,	Mt. Kisco,	Ebenezer G. Platt.
Charles S. Lane,	Mt. Vernon, 1st,	John Irwin.
John E. Bushnell,	Rye,	George D. Cragin.
James G. Rodger (2),	New Haven, 1st,	
Jas. A. McWilliams (2),	Sing Sing,	John P. Truesdell.
J. Howard Hobbs,		
John S. Allen (2),	Patterson,	Orson W. Sloat.
W. Hart Dexter,	Thompsonville,	David Brainard.
Arthur Requa,	Darien,	James C. Jones.
John S. Penman,	Irvington,	John T. Terry.
J. Hendrik deVries (2),		
John F. Lynn,	Pleasantville,	Willet C. Brown.
	White Plains,	Samuel H. Wilson.
	Westminster,	Charles R. Otis.
	Pound Ridge,	John C. Rockwell.
40		32

Total present, ... 72

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Ministers absent. — James Ely, Elias S. Schenck, Isaac S. Davison, Chauncey D. Rice, Wilson Phraner, Rollin A. Sawyer, Addison D. Madeira, Edward B. Allen, David A. Holbrook, Henry M. Baird, Homer S. Newcomb, Christopher R. Brown, Charles H. Riggs, Alexander Miller, Marcellus Bowen, R. Randall Hoes, J. Ritchie Smith, William K. Eddy, Charles P. Fagnani, Franklin B. Dwight, William Gardner. 21.

Churches not represented. — North Salem, Bridgeport 1st, New Haven 1st, Throggs Neck. 4.

Excused for absence. — Rev. Messrs. John Reid, J. Ritchie Smith, Alexander Miller, Rollin A. Sawyer, Wilson Phraner.

Excused for absence from the Spring Stated Meeting. — Rev. Messrs. William Life, Talmon C. Perry, Andrew B. Morse, William Gardner, Addison D. Madeira.

Excused for absence from the Intermediate Meeting. — Rev. Messrs. Addison K. Strong, William Y. Brown, William Life, Talmon C. Perry, Andrew B. Morse, J. Aspinwall Hodge, John H. Trussell, Irving E. White, Manfred P. Welcher, John E. Bushnell, John S. Penman, and John F. Lynn.

Rev. Messrs. Marcellus Bowen, William K. Eddy, and Addison D. Madeira were granted a standing excuse on account of residence abroad or at a distance.

Rev. Addison K. Strong was elected Moderator, and Mr. Charles Lyman Carhart, Temporary Clerk.

The Committee of Arrangements presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Devotional services, 9 to 10 A.M. Business sessions, 10 A.M. to 12.45 P.M., and 2 to 5.30 P.M. Tuesday, 8 P.M., sermon by retiring Moderator. Wednesday, 8 P.M., popular service, subject, Auxiliary Organizations for Church Work.

The Minutes of the Intermediate Meeting, June 18th, were read and approved.

Rev. Messrs. George W. F. Birch, D.D., and Charles R. Gillett, of the Presbytery of New York, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

A communication from the Board of Home Missions was referred to the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension.

A communication from Rev. James N. Crocker, D.D., Synodical Superintendent, was referred to the same committee.

A communication from the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly embodying the overtures relating to the revision

of the Confession of Faith, was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

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A letter from Mrs. Charles W. Baird, presenting historical papers of the late Rev. Charles W. Baird, D.D., relating to the history of this Presbytery, was referred to the Historian to report appropriate action.

Papers relating to the Rev. Theodore S. Pond of the Syrian Mission, who desires to be received into this Presbytery, were on motion referred to a special committee consisting of Rev. Messrs. J. Aspinwall Hodge, and James H. Hoyt, and Elder George D. Cragin.

A call from the First Church of Greenwich, Conn., for the pastoral services of Rev. John T. Wills, D.D., was read, found in order, and placed on the docket.

The death of Rev. William Ward Whipple, a member of this Presbytery, was announced as having occurred on September 26th. Rev. Messrs. John Reid, Harris R. Schenck, and Charles E. Allison were appointed a committee to prepare and report an appropriate minute.

A communication from the Trustees of the Church at Narragansett Pier was presented by Rev. J. Aspinwall Hodge. The election of Trustees was approved, and permission was given to make the proposed change in the constitution. The paper is as follows:

Trustees of the Narragansett Pier (R. I.) Presbyterian Church: Rev. Messrs. J. Aspinwall Hodge, D.D., J. M. Buchanan, D.D., Walter Buchanan, T. S. Wynkoop, and R. Gordon Mackay, Hon. Sherman Rodgers, and Messrs. Samuel Colgate, Edward Austen, Charles E. Green, Edward Earle, and D. D. Clark.

Resolved, That the Presbytery of Westchester be asked to sanction a change in the reading of the fifth section of the Constitution of the Church so as to read —

"5. Three trustees shall be a quorum of the board of trustees for the transaction of business. The board shall have power to fill any vacancy which may occur by resignation or by death, subject to the approval of the Presbytery."

The only change proposed in the above section is in the first word,— "*three*" being substituted for "*four*."

The consideration of calls and requests for dissolution of pastoral relations was made the third order for the

morning session to-morrow, and the hearing of reports on Sessional Records was made the second order for the afternoon session of to-morrow.

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The hearing of the report of the Committee on Education was made the fourth order for the morning session of to-morrow.

Sessional Records were called for and presented.

The Treasurer's report was presented, and referred to the Committee on Finance. It is as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING OCTOBER 1, 1889.

Receipts.		
Cash on hand, October 1, 1888,		$181.41
Assessments, 1888,	$10.00	
Assessments, 1889,	700.00	
		710.00
Total,		$891.41
Disbursements.		
Salaries — Stated Clerk,	$75.00	
Permanent Clerk,	30.00	
		105.00
Expenses — Postage and stationery,	12.50	
Trunk for records,	5.50	
Meetings of Presbytery,	4.60	
Committees,	5.76	
		28.36
Printing — Minutes,	87.42	
Notices,	6.14	
		93.56
Assessment — General Assembly,		433.58
Delegates to the Synod — traveling expenses,		80.00
Total,		$740.50
Cash on hand, Oct. 1, 1889,		150.91

Assessments on our churches to the amount of $28 have not been paid. It is recommended —

1. That to accommodate our receipts to the changes in the assessments of the General Assembly and the Synod, that the Treasurer be directed to apportion them among our churches according to the total communicants reported the previous year.

2. That a fixed sum shall be assessed upon each of our churches according to their financial ability to meet the expenses of the Presbytery.

3. That the sum of the above assessments shall constitute the assessment of each church for the year.

The Historian presented a report, which was accepted and laid on the table for the present.

The Committee on the History reported progress, stat-

ing that the work was nearly ready to be issued from the press.

Rev. James H. Hoyt reported the fulfillment of his appointment to declare vacant the pulpit of the Greenwich Church. Report accepted. Fall Stated Meeting, October 1, 1889.

Rev. John H. Eastman made a similar report with respect to the Sing Sing Church. Report accepted.

Rev. James H. Hoyt reported that the service in memory of Rev. William Patterson was held July 10, 1889, at which addresses were made by Rev. Messrs. Wilson Phraner and Rollin A. Sawyer. Report accepted.

The committee appointed to represent the Presbytery before the General Assembly in the matter of its printed Minutes; reported that they had attended to the duty entrusted to them, and that henceforth the records of Presbyteries in printed form, according to certain regulations, will be received. Report accepted.

The January Intermediate Meeting was appointed to be held at the Mission House in New York city.

An invitation from the Stamford Church for the Spring Stated Meeting was accepted, with thanks.

The Committee on Ministerial Relief was directed to present their report at the evening meeting.

The Standing Rule making the nomination of delegates to the Synod the first order for to-morrow morning was suspended, and the following persons were put in nomination:

Ministers. — Manfred P. Welcher, Arthur Requa, John H. Trussell, Harris R. Schenck, Lewis H. Reid, Charles S. Lane, Andrew B. Morse, John S. Penman, John E. Bushnell, William B. Waller, Henry A. Davenport, Irving E. White.

Elders. — Milton Frost, Daniel H. Knapp, Oliver R. Willis, Ebenezer G. Platt, George W. Abrams, Richard R. Tyers, Alexander Spence, William H. Foster, James F. Kennard, Edward Wells, Ralph E. Prime.

Elder Edward Wells reported that communication had been received from the executors of the will of the late

Rev. Carson W. Adams, stating their readiness to pay over a legacy left by him to this Presbytery.

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Recess taken until 8 P. M.

TUESDAY, 8 P. M.

The Presbytery re-assembled at 8 P. M.

A sermon was preached by the retiring Moderator, Rev. James H. Hoyt, from the text, Luke 5 : 5, "Nevertheless, at thy word we will let down the net."

After the sermon the Committee on Ministerial Relief presented their report, which was accepted, and the recommendations were adopted. They are as follows :

Your Committee recommends the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. Presbytery, following the General Assembly, "calls upon every Pastor and Stated Supply to present this cause plainly and faithfully to the people, and upon every Session to afford its congregation an opportunity to give to this sacred cause."

2. We urge upon Pastors and Sessions of rural and village churches to take their offerings for this cause during the summer months (in many cases their best time), in order to supplement the gifts that come from the city churches during the winter season, and thus avoid the hitherto frequent period of shortened funds in the treasury of the Board during the summer months.

3. That the Standing Committee be directed to nominate to the Presbytery one Ruling Elder from each church, who, in accordance with the General Assembly's resolutions of 1886 and 1887, shall be charged with the oversight of the interests of this cause in his own church, and who shall be instructed to bring this cause before the people for their contributions in such ways as, in conjunction with his Pastor and Session, he may deem most efficient. Further, that said Elder be called upon, soon after the Intermediate Spring Meeting, to report to the Standing Committee his diligence therein, and the results apparently secured.

4. That the Standing Committee is instructed to notify each of these Elders of this appointment, and to send a complete list of the same to the Board of Relief, so that our Elders can be furnished with such papers and circulars as may aid them in their work.

The Moderator announced the following Committees :

I. BILLS AND OVERTURES.

Ministers. — James H. Hoyt, Thornton M. Niven, Charles E. Allison.
Elders. — Edward Wells, Thomas G. Ritch.

II. JUDICIAL BUSINESS.

Ministers. — Lewis H. Reid, John H. Trussell, William Y. Brown.
Elders. — David Brainard, Richard R. Tyers.

III. Leave of Absence.

Minister. — John F. Lynn.
Elder. — Ebenezer G. Platt.

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IV. Finance.

Minister. — J. Aspinwall Hodge.
Elder. — John G. Clark.

V. Sessional Records.

Church.	*Minister.*	*Elder.*
1. North Salem,	John F. Lynn,	Edwin A. Knapp.
2. Gilead,	Daniel N. Freeland,	Thomas G. Ritch.
3. HuguenotMemorial,	Henry A. Davenport,	William H. Foster.
4. Port Chester,	John F. Lynn,	Edwin A. Knapp.
5. Hartford,	John S. Penman,	John P. Truesdell.
6. South East,	Arthur Requa,	John C. Rockwell.
7. Greenburgh,	W. Hart Dexter,	Samuel H. Wilson.
8. Mahopac Falls,	J. Howard Hobbs,	Willet C. Brown.
9. Stamford, 1st,	John E. Bushnell,	James C. Jones.
10. Croton Falls,	Charles S. Lane,	David Brainard.
11. Yonkers, 1st,	Harris R. Schenck,	Orson W. Sloat.
12. Bridgeport, 1st,	Manfred P. Welcher,	George D. Cragin.
13. New Rochelle,	Irving E. White,	John Irwin.
14. Katonah,	John H. Trussell,	Ebenezer G. Platt.
15. Peekskill, 1st,	Charles E. Allison,	John F. Bouton.
16. Bedford,	Robert P. Gibson,	Morris E. Clinton.
17. Yorktown,	James H. Hoyt,	Edward Wells.
18. Dayspring,	Richard P. H. Vail,	Henry White.
19. South East Centre,	Thornton M. Niven,	John G. Clark.
20. Peekskill, 2d,	J. Aspinwall Hodge,	James F. Kennard.
21. South Salem,	Andrew B. Morse,	Richard R. Tyers.
22. Mt. Kisco,	Talmon C. Perry,	Alexander Spence.
23. Mt. Vernon, 1st,	William Life,	John Miller, Jr.
24. Rye,	Lewis H. Reid,	Joseph Barrett.
25. New Haven, 1st,	Hugh A. McKelvey,	David I. Carson.
26. Patterson,	W. Hart Dexter,	Edwin A. Knapp.
27. Thompsonville,	Harris R. Schenck,	Henry White.
28. Darien,	William B. Waller,	Joseph Barrett.
29. Irvington,	Charles E. Allison,	James C. Jones.
30. Pleasantville,	Thornton M. Niven,	David Brainard.
31. White Plains,	Irving E. White,	Morris E. Clinton.
32. Westminster,	William B. Waller,	Willet C. Brown.
33. Throgg's Neck,	John E. Bushnell,	John P. Truesdell.
34. Pound Ridge.	Arthur Requa,	William H. Foster.
35. Sing Sing,	John H. Trussell,	Thomas G. Ritch.
36. Greenwich, 1st,	Robert P. Gibson,	Warren S. Paddock.

Adjourned until 9 A. M. to-morrow morning.

Closed with prayer.

WEDNESDAY, October 2, 9 A. M.

Fall Stated Meeting, October 2, 1889.

The Presbytery met at 9 A. M. and spent the first hour in devotional exercises.

The roll was called, and the following, not present yesterday, answered to their names:

Ministers.— Charles E. Lindsley, Edward T. Bromfield, Theodore S. Pond, John T. Wills, John Reid, Henry A. Davenport, Willis W. Dowd, James A. McWilliams, John S. Allen, J. Hendrik de Vries.

Elders.— Thomas S. Lawrence, Thomas G. Ritch, Lucius E. Clark, John A. Offord, Thomas F. Hope, Warren S. Paddock, John T. Terry, Charles R. Otis.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

Rev. E. S. Ferry of the New York East Conference was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The special committee, on the request of Rev. Theodore Strong Pond to be received into this Presbytery, reported, recommending that he be received into this body upon answering the questions required by the constitution. On motion the report was adopted. Mr. Pond assented to the questions asked, and it was ordered that his name be enrolled.

Rev. Messrs. John T. Wills and James A. McWilliams were received by letters of dismission from the Presbyteries of Cayuga and Hudson respectively, and it was ordered that their names be enrolled.

The second order of the morning was taken up,— the examination of candidates for the ministry.

Messrs. Nicholas Schmeckenbecher, John G. Lovell, and Stanley K. Phraner were, after examination in regard to Christian experience and motives for entering the ministry, received under the care of Presbytery as candidates for the ministry, and the Committee on Education were authorized to assign them subjects for parts of trial.

Messrs. Schmeckenbecher and Lovell were recom-

mended to the Board of Education for aid, and Mr. Robert R. White's recommendation was renewed.

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The examination of Mr. Stanley K. Phraner for licensure was appointed to take place at Intermediate Meeting in January.

The Committee on Philosophy, Astronomy, and Rhetoric were directed to confer with Mr. Phraner and report upon his collegiate studies.

These candidates and Mr. Dillon were placed under the immediate care of their pastors.

Rev. Anthony R. Macoubrey of the Presbytery of East Florida, and Rev. James C. Nightingale of the Presbytery of New York, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

Rev. Daniel N. Freeland made request for the dissolution of his pastoral relation with the Huguenot Memorial Church of Pelham Manor, N. Y.

Mr. William Johnston, Commissioner from the Church, presented the minutes of the congregational meeting, which were read.

The request was granted, the dissolution to take effect October 15th.

Rev. Charles E. Lindsley was appointed to preach and declare the pulpit vacant on October 20th.

Rev. John Reid and Elder Wells were appointed to draft a minute expressing the regard and sympathy of Presbytery for Mr. Freeland.

Rev. Charles E. Lindsley was appointed Moderator of the Session, and the Session was given leave to supply the pulpit until the next Stated Meeting of Presbytery.

The Standing Rule fixing the number of members of the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension was suspended.

That Committee was enlarged by the addition of Rev.

Messrs. William B. Waller, John H. Eastman, and Thornton M. Niven, and Elders Wells and Hollister.

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Rev. Wilson Phraner was, at his own request, excused from service on the above committee, and filling of the vacancy was referred to the committee.

A call for the pastoral services of the Rev. James A. McWilliams from the Sing Sing Church was presented, found in order, and, after hearing from Messrs. Daniel E. Provost and Theodore F. Brown, commissioners from the Church, and the reading of the minutes of the congregational meeting, was placed in his hands of Mr. McWilliams, and by him accepted.

The Stated Clerk was appointed a committee to make arrangements for the installation.

The Committee reported as follows:

Time — Tuesday, Nov. 12, 1889, 7.30 P. M. To preside and propound the constitutional questions — the Moderator. Sermon — Rev. John E. Bushnell; alternate, Rev. John S. Penman. Charge to the Pastor — Rev. A. S. Freeman, D.D., of the Presbytery of Hudson, to be invited; alternate, Rev. James H. Hoyt. Charge to the People — Rev. Charles Beattie, of the Presbytery of Hudson, to be invited; alternate, Rev. Thornton M. Niven.

Action on the call from the Greenwich Church was postponed.

The Committee on Philosophy, Astronomy, and Rhetoric reported the examination of Mr. Stanley K. Phraner on collegiate studies as satisfactory. Report accepted and adopted.

The Committee on Education made an oral statement as to the needs of the Board, urging Pastors of churches to present this cause earnestly and faithfully to their congregations. Report accepted.

The Committee on Aid to Colleges presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

It is evident that the importance of this cause in the life and work of the Presbyterian Church does not lie, as it might and should, upon the minds of our Pastors and Sessions. We respectfully urge its claims upon these, calling attention in particular to these recommendations of the last General Assembly's Standing Committee on this matter, viz.:

"That as this is the youngest and least known of our Boards, special efforts should be made by the Presbyteries and by the Pastors to inform the people concerning this work;" and

"That the Assembly earnestly insist that, in loyalty to our denomination, every church within our bounds should make some contribution to the treasury of this Board." Fall Stated Meeting, October 2, 1889.

The Committee to prepare a minute on the death of Rev. William Ward Whipple presented a report, which was accepted and adopted, and it was ordered to be entered in the Necrology.

The Committee on Publication and Sabbath-school Work presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

There are forty-two Sabbath-schools under the care of the Presbytery, with 5,800 scholars, teachers, and officers. All of the schools except one are furnished with libraries. All the schools, with one or two exceptions, use the *Westminster Helps*. In almost all the Shorter Catechism is taught. The General Assembly's Minutes of 1889 credit the Presbytery with contributions of $774. This is $10 more than the year previous and $127 more than two years previous.

All of our thirty-six churches except seven contributed. Your Committee believes that all the churches and Sabbath-schools would increase their contributions were they fully acquainted with the beneficent work the Board is doing for the neglected children, especially West and South. The Committee would urge Pastors and Sabbath school Superintendents to place the facts as given in the report of the Board before the churches and schools.

Among the most efficient means for improving inexperienced teachers and increasing the zeal of all teachers are well conducted Sabbath-school conventions. If churches located near each other would hold district conventions much good would result. Mt. Vernon, New Rochelle, and Pelham Manor have held two such conventions, and propose to hold a third. The Committee would urge the churches to make arrangements for district or larger conventions, and if any churches located near each other desire to unite for a convention, it would gratify the Committee to render any assistance in their power.

Recess was taken until 2 P. M.

WEDNESDAY, 2 P. M.

Presbytery re-assembled.

The first order, the election of delegates to the Synod, was taken up.

It was ordered that the four ministers receiving the highest number of votes be declared elected for two years, the fifth for one year, provided they receive a majority of the votes cast; also that the three elders having the high-

est number of votes be elected for two years, and the fourth for one year, provided they receive a majority of the votes cast.

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Rev. James H. Hoyt and Elder Joseph Barrett were appointed tellers of ballots for ministerial delegates, and Rev. Charles S. Lane and Ebenezer G. Platt tellers for the Elders.

The following were declared elected :

PRINCIPALS.

Ministers.	*Elders.*
Harris R. Schenck (two years),	Milton Frost (two years),
Manfred P. Welcher (two years),	Edward Wells (two years),
John E. Bushnell (two years),	Daniel H. Knapp (two years),
William B. Waller (two years),	Richard R. Tyers (one year).
Charles S. Lane (one year),	

ALTERNATES.

Arthur Requa,	Ebenezer G. Platt,
Irving E. White,	William H. Foster,
Henry A. Davenport,	Oliver R. Willis,
Lewis H. Reid,	Ralph E. Prime,
John S. Penman,	James F. Kennard,
John H. Trussell,	George W. Abrams.
Andrew B. Morse,	

The second order of the day was taken up, the hearing of reports upon Sessional Records. Records of the following churches were approved without exception :

Gilead, Huguenot, Memorial, Hartford, South East, Greenburgh, Stamford, New Rochelle, Peekskill 1st, Bedford, South East Centre, Peekskill 2d, South Salem, Mt. Kisco, Mt. Vernon 1st, Thompsonville, White Plains, Dayspring, Throgg's Neck, Pleasantville, Sing Sing, Yorktown, and Darien.

The records of the following churches were approved, with exceptions :

Port Chester, Katonah, Rye, Irvington, Westminster, Pound Ridge, Greenwich 1st, and Yonkers 1st.

It was ordered that the records of the following churches be presented at the January Intermediate Meeting :

Croton Falls, Bridgeport 1st, New Haven 1st, Patterson, Mahopac Falls, and North Salem.

Revs. Messrs. John Reid and J. Aspinwall Hodge, and Elder Edward Wells, were appointed a committee to revise the rules of Presbytery for the keeping of the Sessional Records. Fall Stated Meeting, October 2, 1889.

The Committee on Freedmen presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Your committee urges that pastors inform their own minds and warm their own hearts by familiarity with the needs and the encouragements seen in this branch of the Church's work, fully presented in our periodicals to the watchful eye; and that, while some are properly engaged in fixing or blotting out the "color line" and discovering the relation of Presbyterianism among white and black-skinned Christians, that we, the Church of Christ, slack not our driving, nor stop to "salute no man by the way," nor forget that time hastens and the King's message is urgent to this African race within our gates.

The Committee on Foreign Missions presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

We call attention to the following recommendations of the General Assembly (Minutes pp. 54 and 55).

"4. We urge upon all our Sessions to see that the superintendents of our Sabbath-schools secure a far larger attention to the work of this Board as part of the education of our children, and that all proper means be used to secure offerings from all our schools for Presbyterian Foreign Missions in the month of December, if no better time is preferred.

"6. . . . That the first Sabbath in November of this year be observed as a day of special supplication for missions through our entire Church.

"8. That we cannot retreat from the recommendation of the last Assembly that not less than a full million of dollars should be the present and cheerful offering of our Church to this cause."

If the Church is to raise $1,000,000, the proportion of our Presbytery is about $9,000, and the gifts of our churches should average $1.33 per member.

The Committee on Temperance presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

"Resolved 1. That Presbytery heartily endorses and commends the last deliverance of the General Assembly touching the topic of Temperance, *viz.*:

"That we earnestly recommend to all ministers and congregations in our connection and to all others to persevere in vigorous efforts until laws shall be enacted in every State and Territory of our beloved country prohibiting entirely a traffic, which is the principal cause of drunkenness and its consequent pauperism, crime, taxation, lamenta-

tion, war, and ruin to the bodies and souls of men, with which the country has been so long afflicted." (Minutes, p. 103.)

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RESOLVED 2. That Presbytery earnestly urges its members and the Churches under its care to renewed interest and efforts in this department of Christian work, bidding them all God-speed in the use of any and every lawful and Christian means fitted to accomplish the strengthening of this cause and the enlargements of its triumphs.

RESOLVED 3. That a popular meeting be held under direction of the Committee on Temperance at the next Spring Meeting of Presbytery.

RESOLVED 4. That Presbytery urges all its members to carefully discriminate between Prohibition as a moral principle to be embodied in wise and righteous legislative enactments, and Prohibition as the partizan cry of political parties; so that, as much as possible, we may conserve the union of all temperance forces and meet a solid foe with a solid front.

RESOLVED 5. That Presbytery appoint a special committee to prepare a circular letter, to be approved or disapproved at the next Intermediate Meeting of Presbytery, to be sent down to all our Churches, urging them to more aggressive work and more earnest prayer for this cause.

RESOLVED 6. That Presbytery commend the Temperance Institutes as recommended by the General Assembly, 1887 and 1888, to our Churches as a fitting mode of giving instruction and stirring up enthusiasm in the cause of Temperance.

The Committee on Temperance was directed to prepare the circular letter called for in the report.

Rev. James G. Rodger requested the dissolution of the pastoral relation with the First Church of New Haven, Conn.

Prof. Frederick Starr was heard as a commissioner, stating the acquiescence of the church in the request.

On motion the request was granted, to take effect October 15th.

Rev. Andrew B. Morse was appointed to preach at New Haven on October 20th, and declare the pulpit vacant.

Rev. Richard P. H. Vail was appointed Moderator of the Session, and the supply of the pulpit was placed under the supervision of the commission.

Rev. Robert P. Gibson was appointed to prepare a minute on the dissolution of Mr. Rodger's pastorate.

The commission to visit the New Haven Church (p. 121) presented a report, which was accepted and its recommendation adopted.

The recommendation is as follows:

In view of the difficult position in which the New Haven Church is now placed, and in view of the variety of disturbing questions and matters which will probably arise in the near future, the commission would recommend the continuance of the present commission or the appointment of a new one for counsel and advice. Fall Stated Meeting, October 2, 1889.

On motion, the present commission was continued.

A communication from the Session of the Greenwich Church was read and ordered to be entered upon the minutes.

It is as follows:

The Session of the Presbyterian Church of Greenwich, Conn., replying to the action of Presbytery at its meeting of July 18, 1889 (p. 120), wherein it disapproves certain action of said Church, respectfully submit that the Church received no notice of the meeting of Presbytery, at which such action was taken, and consequently was not represented to explain the action of the Church. Furthermore, it is grieved that its action should be interpreted as failing in a proper respect and affection for Presbytery. It deplores the spreading of such a minute on the records of the Presbytery, and requests that this communication be recorded as an assurance of its own fidelity to our Presbyterian order.

The call from the Greenwich Church was taken from the table and ordered placed in the hands of Rev. John T. Wills, and was by him accepted.

Rev. J. Aspinwall Hodge was appointed to arrange for the installation.

The Committee on Systematic Beneficence presented a report, which was accepted and its recommendations adopted.

They are as follows:

Your Committee would recommend that the Sessions of our Churches be urged —

1. To give their congregations an opportunity to contribute annually to each Board of our Church, and to deem this a sacred right of which they should not deprive the people.

2. To deliberately consider the new chapter of the Directory for Worship on The Worship of God by Offerings, that our ministers and elders may at least understand its recommendations.

3. If the plan therein described does not commend itself, that some plan be prayerfully devised and faithfully worked which will secure the following requisites to intelligent giving: (*a*) That each member of the Church give something for the extension of Christ's Kingdom. (*b*) That where practicable, a definite proportion of income be laid

aside, the amount of the proportion being left entirely with the conscience of each contributor. (*c*) That the amount thus laid aside be collected statedly and frequently. (*d*) That the offering be regarded as an act of worship and of grateful acknowledgment to the Giver of all good.

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4. That when an offering is made, the people be promptly informed of the (aggregate) amount contributed.

5. That when practicable they seek to secure the support of the Sunday school by the Trustees out of the receipts for current expenses, in order that the scholars may be free to designate all their offerings to the Boards of our Church and other benevolent objects.

The committee to arrange for the installation of Rev. John T. Wells at Greenwich, Conn., presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Time — Tuesday, Oct. 8, 1889, 7.30 P. M. To preside and propound the constitutional questions — the Moderator. Sermon — Rev. Charles S. Robinson, D. D., of the Presbytery of New York, to be invited; alternate, Rev. William Y. Brown. Charge to the Pastor — Rev. John E. Bushnell; alternate, Rev. William B. Waller. Charge to the People — Rev. James A. McWilliams; alternate, Rev. Arthur Requa.

Moderators were appointed for Sessions of vacant Churches, as follows:

Rev. Robert P. Gibson, North Salem.
Rev. Harris R. Schenck, White Plains.
Rev. J. Hendrik de Vries, Westminster.
Rev. William B. Waller, Throgg's Neck.
Rev. James H. Hoyt, Pound Ridge.

Rev. Anthony P. Macoubrey was heard in regard to his work in Florida and the affairs of the White Plains Church and his relation thereto.

Elder Samuel H. Wilson was also heard upon the affairs of the same Church.

The Sessions of the Churches of White Plains, Pound Ridge, North Salem, Westminster, and Throgg's Neck were authorized to supply their pulpits until the next Stated Meeting of Presbytery.

The Committee on Church Erection presented its report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Among the resolutions adopted by the last General Assembly are the following, to which the committee calls attention:

"3. That the sum of at least $150,000, exclusive of the Manse Fund, is needed for the work of the current year. And it is hereby declared to be the duty of every congregation to make an annual offering, according to its ability, to this cause.

"4. That we earnestly recommend donors and Churches to send all their contributions direct to the treasury of this Board, in order that thus the most equitable distribution possible of gifts may be made to all parties; and that such gifts may be properly secured by the usual mortgage.

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"5. It is also recommended that in the case of special donations, designed for the benefit of particular Churches, these gifts, unless given through organized Presbyterial agencies, be passed through the treasury of the Board. . . .

"6. The Assembly desires again to emphasize the great importance of the Manse Fund, and expresses the hope that said fund may be at once increased to the sum of $50,000." (Minutes, p. 76.)

Elders to represent the cause of Ministerial Relief were appointed in the several Churches, as follows:

Bedford,.....David Travis.
Bridgeport,.....Frank W. Marsh.
Croton Falls,.....Albert Chamberlain.
Darien,.....Benjamin Weed.
Dayspring,.....John H. Cutbill.
Gilead,.....William H. Foster.
Greenburgh,.....Richard R. Tyers.
Greenwich, 1st,.....Edwin A. Knapp.
Hartford,.....John Watson.
Huguenot Memorial,.....David I. Carson.
Irvington,.....William A. Burnham.
Katonah,.....Joseph Barrett.
Mahopac Falls,.....James F. Kennard.
Mt. Kisco,.....John Millar.
Mt. Vernon,.....A. Noel Blakeman.
New Haven, 1st,.....Andrew M. Bartlett.
New Rochelle,.....Henry M. Lester.
North Salem,.....James O. Eggleston.
Patterson,.....Orson W. Sloat.
Peekskill, 1st,.....Edward Wells.
Peekskill, 2d,.....Milton Frost.
Port Chester,.....John Miller, Jr.
Pleasantville,.....Willet C. Brown.
Pound Ridge,.....John C. Rockwell.
Rye,.....William H. Parsons.
Sing Sing,.....John P. Truesdell.
South East,.....Thomas S. Lawrence.
South East Centre,.....Warren S. Paddock.
South Salem,.....Edwin Bouton.
Stamford,.....Thomas G. Ritch.
Thompsonville,.....Andrew Sloane.
Throgg's Neck,.....Charles H. Randall.
White Plains,.....Samuel H. Wilson.
Yonkers, 1st,.....Theodore Gilman.
Yonkers, Westminster,.....Charles R. Otis.
Yorktown,.....Henry White.

Rev. James McWilliams was appointed to fill the vacancy in the Committee on Home Missions and Church

Extension, caused by the resignation of Rev. Wilson Phraner.

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The Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension received permission to report on communications referred to them at the Intermediate Meeting.

Rev. Robert P. Gibson was appointed to draft the Narrative for the Spring Stated Meeting, Rev. Irving E. White, alternate.

The Committee on Judicial Business reported that no business had come before them. Report was accepted.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported, recommending that the overtures from the General Assembly upon the revision of the Confession of Faith be taken up at the Intermediate Meeting.

A substitute was offered and adopted that a committee of five, three ministers and two elders, be appointed to formulate an answer to the overture and report at the Intermediate Meeting.

Recess was taken until 8 P. M.

WEDNESDAY, 8 P. M.

The Presbytery re-assembled for the popular service.

General Subject — Auxiliary Organizations for Church Work.

First Topic — Organizations already effected or practicable, Rev. Richard P. H. Vail.

Second Topic — Benefits and Dangers of such Organizations, Rev. Henry A. Davenport.

Third Topic — Plan and Work of the Christian Endeavor Society, Rev. John S. Penman.

Fourth Topic — Estimate of the Christian Endeavor Society, Rev. W. Hart Dexter.

Business was then resumed.

Rev. Messrs. J. Aspinwall Hodge, Richard P. H. Vail,

and Elders Edward Wells and Ralph E. Prime, were appointed a committee to prepare answer to the overtures of the General Assembly on the revision of the Confession of Faith.

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The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

1. Action urging Presbyteries to devise means of introducing a copy of our Standards in all our Churches. Page 90.
2. As to keeping register of students under the care of Presbytery. Page 106.
3. Recommendation of General Rules for Judicatories. Pages 282–5.
4. Amendments to General Rules. Page 129.
5. Apportionment. Page 126.
6. Grouping Churches asking aid from Board of Home Missions. Page 38.
7. Instructions as to keeping Church Records and Minutes. Page 101.
8. Churches having Stated Supplies are "vacant Churches," but are entitled to representation in Presbytery. Page 131.
9. Property of extinct Churches. Page 18.
10. Overtures on revision of the Confession of Faith. Page 79.

It was resolved that the Presbytery of West Chester spread upon its minutes a record of their appreciation of the fine hospitality they have enjoyed at Rye. We are indebted to the Pastor of the Church and to the other members of the local committee for the promptness with which they have anticipated every want, and the admirable arrangements by which they have expedited the work of the Presbytery. We are indebted to the ladies for their generous entertainment in the Church parlor, and we recall with gratitude the warm welcome to their homes accorded us by Christian families. We invoke upon this Church and this people the richest blessing of Him who promises that "even a cup of cold water given in the name of a disciple shall not lose its reward."

The Committee to draft a minute in regard to the dissolution of pastoral relation between Rev. Daniel N. Freeland and the Church at Pelham Manor presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Presbytery, while granting the joint request for the dissolution of the pastoral relation existing between the Rev. Daniel N. Freeland and the Church at Pelham Manor, would take this opportunity of expressing its high appreciation of the scholarly attainments, deep spirituality, and genial bearing of brother Freeland as a man, and its recognition of the devotion and fidelity with which he has discharged the duties of his pastorate. We earnestly pray he may be spared to spend many years of happy and useful service in the vineyard of the Master, whom he has already served so long and so well.

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The Committee on Finance presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee have examined the report and accounts of the Treasurer, have found them correct, and recommended their approval. The Committee recommend —

1. The adoption of the recommendations made in the Treasurer's Report (p. 126).

2. That a Committee of three be appointed to revise the Presbyterial assessments.

3. That the Treasurer be directed to pay the traveling expenses of the delegates to the Synod in full.

4. That the Treasurer be authorized to obtain, if necessary, a loan of $50 for present use.

5. That the Treasurer shall, if necessary, call upon some of our Churches to anticipate in part the payment of the annual assessment made by the Presbytery upon the Churches.

Rev. Messrs. William J. Cumming, Robert P. Gibson, and John H. Eastman were designated as the Committee to Revise the Presbyterial Assessments.

The Committee to prepare a Minute on the dissolution of Rev. James G. Rodger's pastorate presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

In granting the request of Rev. James G. Rodger for the dissolution of the pastoral relation between himself and the Church of New Haven, the Presbytery hereby expresses its entire confidence in the Christian character of Mr. Rodger, and bears hearty testimony to the continuous and unflagging zeal and sincere spirit of loyalty to the Lord Jesus Christ with which he has discharged his pastoral duties in New Haven.

Whereas Mrs. Charles W. Baird has presented to the Presbytery of Westchester historical notes and other papers of the late Rev. Charles W. Baird, D.D., pertaining to the history of the Presbytery, therefore

Resolved 1. That the Presbytery express its gratitude to Mrs. Baird for her kindness in putting in its possession papers which are of such great value and which furnish new testimony to the scholarly ability and painstaking industry of Dr. Baird.

Resolved 2. That a copy of the above preamble and resolution be sent to Mrs. Baird.

The Committee on Presbyterial Visitation presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

In accordance with the plan adopted by Presbytery at Bedford, in October, 1886, your Committee has secured the visitation of the following Churches during the year now closed: Katonah, Peekskill, 1st, Peekskill, 2d, Mt. Vernon, 1st, New Haven, 1st, North Salem, Patterson, Rye, and Gilead.

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The following Churches are to be visited during the year to come: Port Chester, South East, Stamford, Yonkers, 1st, New Rochelle, Yorktown, Dayspring, South East Centre, South Salem, Sing Sing, Greenwich, Thompsonville, Irvington, Pleasantville, White Plains, Westminster, Throgg's Neck, and Pound Ridge. Any others may be visited at their own request.

Tuesday, November 12th, is recommended as the date for the Presbyterial Day of Prayer, and Yonkers First Church as the place. The hour of service will be announced by your committee. Every minister and every elder is sincerely urged to attend this most practically profitable of Presbyterial Appointments.

The Treasurer was authorized to pay necessary bills.

The Committee on Leave of Absence presented a report, which was accepted, and the action of the Committee approved:

The Committee had granted leave of absence to —

Ministers. — James G. Rodger, John T. Wills, Edward T. Bromfield, Willis W. Dowd, Harris R. Schenck, Theodore S. Pond, John H. Trussell, Lewis H. Reid, John Reid, Manfred P. Welcher, Charles S. Lane, J. Hendrik de Vries.

Elders. — Thomas F. Hope, Willet C. Brown, James C. Jones, John T. Terry, David I. Carson, John G. Clark, Edwin A. Knapp, John P. Truesdell, Joseph Barrett.

The roll was called, and the following were found to have withdrawn from the Sessions of the Presbytery with leave:

Ministers. — Charles E. Lindsley, William Life, Andrew B. Morse, Henry A. Davenport, John S. Allen.

Elders. — John Miller, Jr., Thomas G. Ritch, Warren S. Paddock, John F. Bouton, John Irwin, George D. Cragin, Charles R. Otis.

The minutes of to-day's session were read and approved.

Adjourned to meet at the Mission House, 53 Fifth Ave., New York, Tuesday, January 21, 1890.

Closed with prayer and the benediction.

W. J. Cumming,
Stated Clerk.

J. H. Eastman,
Permanent Clerk.

Officers of the Presbytery.

Moderator. — Rev. Addison K. Strong, Carmel, N. Y. Stated Clerk and Treasurer — Rev. William J. Cumming, Yorktown, N. Y. Permanent Clerk — Rev. John H. Eastman, Katonah, N. Y.

Trustees.

Ministers. — Rollin A. Sawyer, Richard P. H. Vail, Thornton M. Niven, John E. Bushnell.

Elders. — Edward Wells (Clerk), Uriah Hill, William H. Parsons, Thomas G. Ritch, Benjamin Weed.

Ruling Elders.

Bedford.

Clark, John G., Travis, David,
Finch, Daniel B., Trowbridge, James H.,
Owen, St. John, Williamson, Albert.
(Rev. James H. Hoyt, Clerk.)

Bridgeport, First.

Bullard, Edward P., Marsh, Frank W.
Hollister, David F., Townsend, Richard H., Clerk.

Croton Falls.

Abrams, George W., Moses, Jabez H.
Chamberlain, Albert,
(Rev. Robert P. Gibson, Clerk.)

Darien.

Bishop, Sands, Shaw, James A.,
Jones, James C., Weed, Benjamin, Clerk.

Gilead.

William H. Foster, Clerk.

Greenburgh.

Cutter, Campyon, Tyers, Richard R.
Mills, Edmund S.,
(Rev. Thornton M. Niven, Clerk.)

Greenwich, First.

Brush, Shadrach M., Knapp, Edwin A., Clerk,
Cristy, Edward B., Waterbury, Walter S.

Hartford.

Curry, Alexander, Stockwell, W. Howard,
Spence, Alexander, Watson, John.
(Rev. J. Aspinwall Hodge, Clerk.)

Huguenot Memorial.

Carson, David I., Clerk, Johnson, Nathan,
Dey, John H., Johnson, Joseph K.

Irvington.

Burnham, William A., Terry, John T.
(Rev. John S. Pennian, Clerk.)

Katonah.

Barrett, Joseph, Chapman, J. F., M. D., Clerk.

Mahopac Falls.

Badeau, John H., Lounsbury, Robert W.
Kennard, James F., Clerk,

Mt. Kisco.

Banks, George W., Millar, John,
Banks, Joseph, Platt, Ebenezer G.,
Crane, Joseph H., Clerk, Smith, David E.

Mt. Vernon, First.

Blakeman, A. Noel, Clerk. Irwin, John.
Chambers, Frank R.,

New Haven, First.

Bartlett, Andrew M., Petrie, George, Clerk.

New Rochelle.

Brown, Joseph T., Renoud, David E.,
Lester, Henry M., Ross, John G.
Offord, John A., Clerk,

North Salem.

Benedict, G. Charles, Clerk, Smith, Daniel D.
Eggleston, James O.,

Patterson.

Gerow, James C., Sloat, Orson W.
Merrit, James A., Clerk,

Peekskill, First.

Hill, Uriah Jr., Pugsley, Cornelius A.,
Knapp, Sanford R., Clerk, Varian, Isaac,
Mabie, William, Wells, Edward.
Mead, Seth H.,

Peekskill, Second.

Clinton, Morris E., Knight, Charles C., M.D.,
Frost, Milton, Clerk, McDonald, Joseph.
Fuller, Ephraim D.,

Port Chester.

Miller, John, Jr., Scofield, William H.
Peck, W. Edward,

Pleasantville.

Brown, Willet C., Gates, William H.
(Rev. John F. Lynn, Clerk.)

Pound Ridge.

Horton, Frank N., Rockwell, John C.,
Rockwell, Daniel B., Clerk, Scofield, Joseph.

Rye.

Cragin, George D.,
Parsons, Henry,
Parsons, William H., Clerk,
Whittemore, Edward P.

Sing Sing.

Brown, Theodore F.,
Cady, Stanton, Clerk,
Lockwood, Rodney S.,
Miller, John F.,
Provost, Daniel E.,
Truesdell, John P.

South East.

Hoyt, J. Hawley,
Johnson, Walter C.,
Lawrence, Thomas S., Clerk.

South East Centre.

Cole, George,
Everett, Benjamin D.,
Lobdell, Alexander F.,
Paddock, Warren S., Clerk,
Parker, George G.,
Weed, James O.

South Salem.

Bouton, Edwin,
Bouton, John F.,
Gilbert, Thomas,
Hull, George E.,
Hull, Webster B., Clerk,
St. John, Henry C.,
Webster, Joseph A.

Stamford.

Begent, Louis S.,
Clark, John,
Hobby, Moses M.,
Milne, Alexander,
Reid, Clarence L.,
Ritch, Thomas G., Clerk.

Thompsonville.

Brainard, David,
Brainard, Horace K.,
Morrison, James,
Parsons, Ed. F., M. D., Clerk,
Parsons, Shubael,
Sloane, Andrew.

Throgg's Neck.

Barnecott, J. F.,
Randall, Charles H.

White Plains.

Kingsley, Orrin D.,
Mitchell, Josiah S.,
Slosson, Edwin A.,
Sniffen, Elijah C.,
Willis, Oliver R., Clerk,
Wilson, Samuel H.

Yonkers, Dayspring.

Cutbill, John H.,
Hope, Thomas F.,
Smith, William, Clerk.

Yonkers, First.

Clark, Lucius E.,
Gilman, Theodore,
King, Hezekiah, Clerk,
Morse, G. Livingstone,
Prime, Ralph E.

Yonkers, Westminster.

Biggerstaff, James,
Brown, John H., Clerk,
McKim, William,
McWilliam, James R.,
Otis, Charles R.

Yorktown.

Knapp, Daniel H.,
Lee, Elijah,
Lee, Enos, Clerk,
White, Henry.

NEW YORK CITY, N. Y., January 21, 1890.

Intermediate Meeting, January 21, 1890.

The Presbytery of Westchester met pursuant to adjournment in the Presbyterian Mission House, 53 Fifth Avenue, New York, Tuesday, January 21, 1890, at 10 A.M., and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator, Rev. Addison K. Strong.

The roll was called and the following found to be present:

Ministers.	*Churches.*	*Elders.*
Elias S. Schenck,		
Addison K. Strong,	Gilead,	
Hugh A. McKelvey,		
William Y. Brown,	Port Chester,	W. Edward Peck.
J. Aspinwall Hodge,	Hartford,	
Thornton M. Niven,	Greenburgh,	Campyon Cutter.
John T. Wills,	Greenwich, 1st,	
Theodore S. Pond,		
Alexander Miller,	Mahopac Falls,	
Richard P. H. Vail,	Stamford, 1st,	
Robert P. Gibson,	Croton Falls,	
John Reid,	Yonkers 1st,	
Henry A. Davenport,	Bridgeport 1st,	
William B. Waller,	New Rochelle,	John A. Offord.
John H. Eastman,	Katonah,	Joseph Barrett.
Willis W. Dowd,		
J. Ritchie Smith,	Peekskill, 1st,	Sanford R. Knapp.
James H. Hoyt,	Bedford,	
William J. Cumming,	Yorktown,	Henry White.
John H. Trussell,	S. E. Centre,	Benjamin D. Everett.
Irving E. White,	Peekskill, 2d,	
Manfred P. Welcher,	South Salem,	
Harris R. Schenck,	Mt. Kisco,	Ebenezer G. Platt.
Charles S. Lane,	Mt. Vernon,	John Irwin.
John E. Bushnell,	Rye,	George D. Cragin.
James G. Rodger,		
James T. McWilliams,	Sing Sing,	Stanton Cady.
J. Howard Hobbs,		
John S. Allen,	Patterson,	Orson W. Sloat.
W. Hart Dexter,	Thompsonville,	
Arthur Requa,	Darien,	Sands Bishop.
John S. Penman,	Irvington,	William A. Burnham.
John F. Lynn,	Pleasantville,	
	White Plains,	Edwin A. Slosson.
	Throgg's Neck,	Charles H. Randall.
	Huguenot Memorial,	David I. Carson.
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Total present,.....50

Ministers absent. — Isaac S. Davison, Chauncey D. Rice, Daniel N. Freeland, Charles E. Lindsley, Wilson Phraner, David Murdoch, Lewis H. Reid, William Life, Talman C. Perry, Andrew B. Morse, Rollin A. Sawyer, Edward T. Bromfield, Addison D. Madeira, Edward B. Allen, David A. Holbrook, Henry M. Baird, Homer S. Newcomb,

Christopher R. Brown, Charles H. Riggs, Marcellus Bowen, R. Randall Hoes, William K. Eddy, Charles E. Allison, Charles P. Fagnani, Franklin B. Dwight, William Gardner, J. Hendrik de Vries.— 27.

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Churches not represented. — Gilead, Hartford, South East, Greenwich 1st, Mahopac Falls, Stamford 1st, Croton Falls, Yonkers 1st, Bridgeport 1st, Bedford, Dayspring, Peekskill 2d, South Salem, Thompsonville, Pleasantville, Westminster, Pound Ridge, North Salem, New Haven 1st.— 19.

Excused for absence. — Rev. Messrs. Andrew B. Morse and Rollin A. Sawyer, and Elder Lucius E. Clark of the Yonkers 1st church.

Rev. Messrs. Andrew B. Morse and Charles E. Lindsley, reported by letter that they had discharged the duties assigned them, of declaring the pulpits of the New Haven First and Huguenot Memorial Churches vacant.

Rev. J. Howard Hobbs was, at his own request, dismissed to the Presbytery of Nassau.

Licentiate Harris Ely Adriance was received from the Classis of Poughkeepsie, of the Reformed Church, after answering constitutional questions prescribed in Form of Government XIV, 7.

Rev. Charles S. Newhall of the Presbytery of Monmouth, Rev. Messrs. Charles R. Gillett and George W. F. Birch of the Presbytery of New York, Rev. W. W. Knox of the South Classis of Bergen, and the Rev. George H. Cleveland of Presbytery of Nassau, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

The call of the Huguenot Memorial Church for the pastoral services of Mr. Harris Ely Adriance, and the meeting of the congregation, were read. Elder David I. Carson and Rev. Charles R. Gillett were heard as commissioners.

The call was found in order, and it was directed that it should be placed in the hands of Mr. Adriance. The attention of the Session was called to an irregularity in the calling of the congregational meeting.

Mr. Adriance signified his acceptance of the call.

Rev. John H. Trussell was appointed in the place of Rev. J. Howard Hobbs on the Committee on the Sessional Records of the Mahopac Falls Church, and Rev. Harris R. Schenck in place of Rev. Hugh A. McKelvey on the

Committee on the Sessional Records of the New Haven first Church.

Presbytery then proceeded to the examination of Mr. Stanley K. Phraner for licensure, and Mr. Harris Ely Adriance for ordination. Intermediate Meeting, January 21, 1890.

In the absence of the Committee on Languages, Rev. Messrs. Robert P. Gibson and James T. McWilliams were appointed such committee.

The college diplomas of these candidates were received in place of the examination in Philosophy, Astronomy, and Rhetoric.

They were examined in systematic Theology, Church History, Church Government, and the Sacraments.

The Committee on Languages reported favorably on the Exegesis and Latin Thesis of Candidate Phraner.

The Committee on Philosophy, Astronomy, and Rhetoric made a similar report with respect to his Sermon and Popular Lecture. Reports were accepted.

The Sermon of Licentiate Adriance was on motion placed in the hands of the Committee on Philosophy, Astronomy, and Rhetoric.

The Stated Clerk was authorized to grant Licentiate Charles L. Carhart a letter of dismission at such time as he may ask for it.

The Stated Clerk was also authorized to give the Rev. William Gardner a letter of dismission when he may ask for it.

The Committee on the History of the Presbytery presented a partial report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Of the 200 copies printed, 164 have been sold, 6 were presented to the Historian, and one to Mrs. Charles W. Baird, leaving 29 on hand. The expenses connected with the publication of the History have been:

Printing and binding,.....	$352.95
Incidental expenses,.....	7.09
Total,.....	$360.04

Receipts.

Cash received from books,.....	$223.24	
Cash due for books,.....	52.25	
Value of books on hand, ...	50.50—	325.99
Deficit,.....		$34.05

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Your committee recommend —

1. That copies be sent to the Presbyterian Historical Society and the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly.

2. That copies be sent to Princeton, Union, and Auburn Theological Seminaries.

3. That those churches which have not contributed nor purchased copies be requested to contribute to this object.

The Committee on Languages reported favorably on the examination of candidates in the languages. Report accepted.

The Committee on Astronomy, Philosophy, and Rhetoric reported favorably on the Sermon of Licentiate Adriance. Report accepted.

The roll was called, and the examinations were unanimously sustained.

After Candidate Stanley K. Phraner had answered in the affirmative the questions in Chap. XIV, Sec. 7, Form of Government, and prayer had been offered by the moderator, he was duly licensed to preach the gospel.

Rev. William B. Waller and Elder David I. Carson were appointed a committee to make arrangements for the ordination and installation of Licentiate Harris Ely Adriance.

The Committee presented the following report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

That when Presbytery adjourns, it adjourn to meet in the Huguenot Memorial Church, Pelham Manor, N. Y., February 5th, at 7.30 P. M. Sermon, Rev. John McClellan Holmes of the Presbytery of Albany to be invited; alternate, Rev. John Reid. Charge to the Pastor, Rev. William B. Waller; alternate, Rev. Richard P. H. Vail. Charge to the people, Rev. Charles S. Lane; alternate, Rev. John E. Bushnell. Ordaining Prayer, Rev. Charles E. Lindsley.

The Committee appointed to prepare answers to the overture of the General Assembly on the revision of the Confession of Faith (p. 141) presented an informal report giving information received by correspondence. Report accepted.

It was ordered that the vote be taken at once on Question 1, *Do you desire a revision of the Confession of Faith?*

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Recess was taken until 2 P. M.

2 P. M.

The Presbytery re-assembled.

The Moderator reported the installation of the Rev. John T. Wills at Greenwich, Conn., and Rev. James T. McWilliams at Sing Sing, in accordance with appointment of Presbytery.

Rev. Thornton M. Niven called attention of Presbytery to Rev. Mr. McCarthy's missionary work in the Adirondacks.

Rev. James T. McWilliams was excused from further attendance at this meeting of Presbytery.

The committees on the sessional records of Mahopac Falls and New Haven First Churches reported, recommending their approval. Report adopted.

The death of Rev. James Ely was announced, as having occurred on Monday, January 20, 1890, at his home in Thompsonville, Conn., at the age of 91 years and three months.

Rev. Messrs. W. Hart Dexter and J. Aspinwall Hodge were appointed a committee to draft an appropriate minute.

The report of the Committee to revise Presbyterial assessments (p. 142) was presented.

The report with the question of possible retrenchment in the expenses of Presbytery recommitted to the Committee.

The unfinished business on Question 1 of overture on revision of the Confession of Faith was then taken up.

It was ordered that each member be allowed three minutes to give their reasons for their vote, and that the vote be taken by ayes and noes.

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AYES. *Ministers.*—John T. Wills, Theodore S. Pond, Richard P. H. Vail, Robert P. Gibson, William B. Waller, John H. Eastman, J. Ritchie Smith, W. Hart Dexter, William J. Cumming, John H. Trussell, Charles S. Lane, John E. Bushnell, James G. Rodger, J. Howard Hobbs, John S. Allen, John S. Penman, John F. Lynn, Addison K. Strong.—18.

Elders.—John A. Otford, Joseph Barrett, Sanford R. Knapp, Henry White, Ebenezer G. Platt, George D. Cragin, Stanton Cady, Orson W. Sloat, Edward A. Slosson.—9.

Total,.....27.

NOES. *Ministers.*—Elias S. Schenck, J. Aspinwall Hodge, William Y. Brown, Hugh A. McKelvey, Alexander Miller, John Reid, Henry A. Davenport, Willis W. Dowd, Irving E. White, Manfred P. Welcher, Harris R. Schenck, Arthur Requa.—12.

Elders.—W. Edward Peck, Campyon Cutter, Sands Bishop.—3.

Total,.....15.

NON LIQUET. *Minister.*—James H. Hoyt.—1.

The following were appointed a committee to formulate an answer to Question 2 of the overture, *If so, in what respects, and to what extent?*

Ministers.—J. Ritchie Smith, John E. Bushnell, J. Aspinwall Hodge, Thornton M. Niven, John H. Trussell.

Elders.—Ralph E. Prime, Joseph Barrett, Orson W. Sloat.

The Committee were directed to present their report at Spring Stated Meeting.

They were also directed to send printed copies of report to ministers and sessions three weeks before the meeting.

The minutes were read and approved.

Adjourned to meet in the Huguenot Memorial Church, Pelham Manor, N. Y., February 5, at 7.30 P. M.

Closed with prayer and the benediction.

Stated Clerk.

Permanent Clerk.

Adjourned Meeting, February 5, 1890.

PELHAM MANOR, N. Y., February 5, 1890.

The Presbytery of Westchester met pursuant to adjournment in the Huguenot Memorial Church, Pelham Manor, N. Y., Wednesday, February 5, 1890, at 7.30 P. M.

In the absence of the Moderator, Rev. Charles E. Lindsley was elected Moderator *pro tem.*, and Rev. William B. Waller, Clerk *pro tem.*

The Presbytery was opened with prayer.

The roll was called and the following were found to be present:

Ministers.	*Churches.*	*Elders.*
Charles E. Lindsley,		
William B. Waller,	New Rochelle,	John G. Ross.
Charles S. Lane,	Mt. Vernon, 1st,	
	Huguenot Memorial,	David I. Carson.

The Presbytery then proceeded to the ordination and installation of Licentiate Harris Ely Adriance, according to the appointment of Presbytery (p. 152).

The sermon was preached by Rev. John McC. Holmes of the Presbytery of Albany. TEXT: 2 Tim., 2: 15. "Rightly dividing the Word of Truth."

After the statement of the action of Presbytery and the propounding of the constitutional questions, the prayer of ordination and installation was made by the Rev. Charles E. Lindsley.

The charge to the pastor was delivered by Rev. William B. Waller, and the charge to the people by Rev. Charles S. Lane.

The benediction was pronounced by the newly installed pastor.

On motion it was ordered that Mr. Adriance's name be enrolled.

The minutes were read and approved.

Adjourned to meet in the First Presbyterian Church, Stamford, Conn., Tuesday, April 15, 1890.

Adjourned Meeting, February 5, 1890.

Closed with prayer.

W. J. CUMMING,
Stated Clerk.

J. H. EASTMAN,
Permanent Clerk.

STAMFORD, CONN., April 15, 1890.

Spring Stated Meeting, April 15, 1890.

The Presbytery of Westchester met pursuant to adjournment in the First Presbyterian Church, Stamford, Conn., Tuesday, April 15, 1890, at 3 P. M., and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator, Rev. Addison K. Strong.

The roll was called and the following were found to be present:

Ministers.	*Churches.*	*Elders.*
Addison K. Strong,	Gilead,	William H. Foster.
Charles E. Lindsley (2),		
Wilson Phraner (2),		
Lewis H. Reid,		
William Y. Brown,	Port Chester,	John Miller, Jr.
Andrew B. Morse (2),		
J. Aspinwall Hodge,	Hartford,	John Watson.
Rollin A. Sawyer (2),		
Edward T. Bromfield,		
Thornton M. Niven (2),	Greenburgh,	Robert L. Wilde (2).
John T. Wills,	Greenwich, 1st,	Shadrach M. Brush.
Theodore S. Pond,		
Alexander Miller,	Mahopac Falls,	
Richard P. H. Vail,	Stamford, 1st,	Thomas G. Ritch.
Robert P. Gibson,	Croton Falls,	Albert Chamberlain (2).
John Reid (2),	Yonkers, 1st,	Ralph E. Prime (2).
Henry A. Davenport (2),	Bridgeport, 1st,	Frank W. Marsh.
William B. Waller (2),	New Rochelle,	
John H. Eastman,	Katonah,	Joseph Barrett (2).
Willis W. Dowd,		
J. Ritchie Smith (2),	Peekskill, 1st,	Sanford R. Knapp.
James H. Hoyt,	Bedford,	Daniel B. Finch (2).
William J. Cumming,	Yorktown,	Enos Lee.
Charles E. Allison (2),	Dayspring,	William Smith (2).
John H. Trussell,	South East Centre,	Benj. D. Everett.
Irving E. White,	Peekskill, 2d,	Morris E. Clinton.
Manfred P. Welcher,	South Salem,	Henry L. St. John.
Harris R. Schenck,	Mt. Kisco,	Ebenezer G. Platt.
Charles S. Lane,	Mt. Vernon, 1st,	John Irwin (2).
John E. Bushnell,	Rye,	Edw. P. Whittemore.
James A. McWilliams,	Sing Sing,	John P. Truesdell.
John S. Allen,	Patterson,	James C. Gerow.
W. Hart Dexter,	Thompsonville,	Edward F. Parsons (2).
Arthur Requa,	Darien,	James C. Jones.
John S. Penman (2),	Irvington,	John T. Terry (2).
J. Hendrik de Vries,		
John F. Lynn,	Pleasantville,	Benjamin C. Moore.
Harris Ely Adriance,	Huguenot Memorial,	Nathan Johnston (2).
Fred. A. M. Brown (2),	New Haven, 1st,	Andrew M. Bartlett (2).
	White Plains,	Edwin A. Slosson (2).
	Westminster,	Chas. R. Otis.
	Throgg's Neck,	Chas. H. Randall.
	Pound Ridge,	John C. Rockwell.
39		32

Total present,..... 71

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Ministers absent.— Elias S. Schenck, Isaac S. Davison, Chauncey D. Rice, Daniel N. Freeland, Hugh A. McKelvey, David Murdoch, William Life, Talmon C. Perry, Addison D. Madeira, Edward B. Allen, David A. Holbrook, Henry M. Baird, Homer S. Newcomb, Christopher R. Brown, Charles H. Riggs, Marcellus Bowen, R. Randall Hoes, William K. Eddy, Charles P. Fagnani, Franklin B. Dwight, James G. Rodger, Charles E. Upson.— 22.

Churches not represented. — South East, New Rochelle, Mahopac Falls, North Salem.— 4.

Excused for absence.— David Murdoch, Daniel N. Freeland, Edward B. Allen, James G. Rodger, Charles E. Upson.

Rev. John E. Bushnell was elected Moderator, and Elder Sanford R. Knapp, Temporary Clerk.

The Committee of Arrangements presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Devotional services, 9–10 A. M. Business Sessions, 10 A. M.— 12.15 P. M., and 2–5.30 P. M. Recess, 5.30–7.30 P. M. In view of the great amount of business to come before Presbytery, it is recommended that the meeting in behalf of Temperance, recommended at the Fall Stated Meeting, be omitted.

On motion, the reading of the minutes of previous meetings for information was dispensed with.

On motion, it was ordered that the name of Rev. Thornton M. Niven, omitted by mistake, be entered upon the minutes of the January Intermediate Meeting (p. 154) as voting in the negative upon Question 1 of General Assembly's overture on Revision of the Confession of Faith.

The Stated Clerk stated that he had granted, as directed (p. 151), a letter of dismission to the Presbytery of Rock River to Rev. William Gardner, March 24, 1890.

A communication from the Port Chester Church in regard to their assessment, was presented.

A call from the South East Center Church for the pastoral services of the Rev. John H. Trussell, was presented.

Elder Benjamin D. Everett was heard as the representative of the Session.

On motion, the call was found in order, placed in Mr. Trussell's hands, and by him accepted.

Rev. Messrs. John H. Trussell and Robert P. Gibson

and Elder Everett were appointed a committee to make arrangements for his installation.

On motion, the Stated Clerk was directed to give the Rev. James G. Rodger a letter of credence and introduction in view of a contemplated visit to Europe. Spring Stated Meeting, April 15, 1890.

The report of the Historian was taken from the table (p. 126) and, on motion, his resignation was accepted with an expression of most cordial thanks for the value and efficiency of his services.

The Committee to revise Presbyterial assessments (p. 153) presented their report, which was accepted.

On motion, the report was referred to a special committee of three who were directed to report to-morrow, and it was ordered that the report should be the third order of the morning session.

Rev. Messrs. J. Aspinwall Hodge and Harris R. Schenck and Elder Charles R. Otis were named such committee.

Attention was called to the death of Rev. Charles C. Wallace, for many years a member of this Presbytery, and on motion Rev. J. Aspinwall Hodge was appointed a committee to draft a minute to be entered in the Necrological Record of the Presbytery.

The Committee on Temperance presented a circular letter which they had been directed by Presbytery to prepare (p. 136).

The report was accepted and adopted, and it was ordered that a sufficient number of copies be printed and sent down to the churches to be read.

Communication from the Port Chester Church (p. 158) was referred to special committee on report of Committee on Assessments.

On motion, consideration of report of Committee on Revision of Confession of Faith (p. 154) was made the second order for Wednesday afternoon and also the order for the evening, and the Committee was requested to prepare a plan of discussion.

Recess taken until 7.30 P. M.

TUESDAY, 7.30 P. M.

The Presbytery re-assembled.

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After devotional services a sermon was preached by the retiring Moderator, Rev. Addison K. Strong, from the text 1st Samuel 15 : 21.

Business was resumed after this service.

The Moderator announced the following committees:

I. BILLS AND OVERTURES.

Ministers.— Addison K. Strong, Charles S. Lane, John T. Wills.
Elders.— Thomas G. Ritch, Morris E. Clinton.

II. JUDICIAL BUSINESS.

Ministers.— John H. Trussell, James A. McWilliams, Manfred P. Welcher.
Elders.— Shadrach M. Bush, Benjamin C. Moore.

III. LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

Ministers.— Richard P. H. Vail.
Elders.— James C. Gerow.

A communication from the Woman's Executive Committee of Home Missions was, on motion, referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

Rev. Charles E. Upson was received by letter of dismission from the Presbytery of Chicago, and his name was ordered to be enrolled. A letter from Mr. Upson was read explaining his absence.

Rev. James C. Nightingale, of the Presbytery of New York, was invited to sit as corresponding member.

The Committee on Narrative presented a report which was accepted, adopted, and ordered to be sent to the General Assembly. It is as follows:

I. PUBLIC WORSHIP.

All the congregations have been supplied with preaching throughout the year, and the attendance generally encouraging.

II. SABBATH-SCHOOLS.

The Sabbath-school work seems especially well attended to. The Westminster Helps are used and the Shorter Catechism taught in nearly every school.

III. Meetings for Prayer.

Every congregation holds a weekly prayer meeting so far as reports are received. Many (a majority) have monthly missionary concerts and woman's missionary organizations, the latter of which seem specially vigorous.

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IV. Family Religion.

The reports upon family religion are too vague and uncertain to be of much value for information.

V. Benevolence.

Almost every congregation contributes to the Boards according to a defined plan, and growth in actual giving with the spirit of giving seems general. The Sabbath-schools also, as a rule, contribute regularly to benevolent objects. "The poor" of the Church are said to be few.

VI. Revivals.

No marked religious awakenings are reported, but numerous other evidences of spiritual prosperity are noted, and the churches seem in a high degree free from scandal and faction.

VIII. Miscellaneous.

With a single exception, no "unusual obstacles" in the way of progress are reported — the exception is "a predominant foreign element and abounding infidelity." With the same exception, the financial obligations of all congregations reporting are met with fidelity; the exception says "moderately."

But little work in the way of special moral reform has been carried on outside of the usual church lines.

The minutes of to-day's session were read and approved.

Adjourned until 9 A. M. to-morrow.

Closed with prayer.

Wednesday, April 16th, 9 A. M.

The Presbytery met and spent the first hour in devotional exercises.

The roll was called, and the following, not present yesterday, answered to their names:

Ministers.— Charles E. Lindsley, Wilson Phraner, Andrew B. Morse, Rollin A. Sawyer, Thornton M. Niven, Frederick A. M. Brown, John Reid, Henry A. Davenport, William B. Waller, J. Ritchie Smith, John S. Penman.

Elders.— Robert L. Wilde, Albert Chamberlain, Ralph E. Prime, Joseph Barrett, Daniel B. Finch, William Smith, John Irwin, Edward F. Parsons, John T. Terry, Nathan Johnston, Edwin A. Slosson, John C. Rockwell, Andrew M. Bartlett.

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Rev. Frederick A. M. Brown was received by letter of dismission from the Classis of Poughkeepsie of the Reformed Church, after answering in the affirmative the required constitutional questions, and it was ordered that his name be enrolled.

The first order of the day was then taken up, the nomination of commissioners to the General Assembly. The following were put in nomination:

Ministers.—J. Ritchie Smith, J. Aspinwall Hodge, John E. Bushnell, John H. Eastman, Richard P. H. Vail, William Hart Dexter, Thornton M. Niven, John H. Trussell.

Elders.—Enos Lee, Ralph E. Prime, Edward Wells, John Watson, Orson W. Sloat, William H. Parsons, Milton Frost, Stanton Cady.

The Committee appointed to make arrangements for the installation of Rev. John H. Trussell as pastor of the South East Center Church presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Time—Tuesday, April 29th, 7.30 P. M. To preside, propound the constitutional questions, and preach the sermon, the Moderator; alternate, Rev. Addison K. Strong. Charge to the Pastor, Rev. Robert P. Gibson; alternate, Rev. John S. Allen. Charge to the People, Rev. Manfred P. Welcher; alternate, Rev. John H. Eastman.

The second order of the day was then taken up, the examination of candidates for licensure.

Messrs. George Cornwell, John G. Lovell, and Samuel C. Hodge presented themselves for examination.

They were examined in systematic theology, church history, the sacraments, and church government.

The Committee on Philosophy, Astronomy, and Rhetoric reported favorably upon the sermons and lectures of the candidates.

Pending the examination in languages the Special Committee on Report of the Committee to revise Presbyterial Assessments (p. 159) presented their report. The report was accepted, and, on motion, recommitted.

A call from the First Church of New Haven, Conn., for the pastoral services of Rev. Frederick A. M. Brown, was presented, found in order, and, on motion, placed in Mr.

Brown's hands. The call having been accepted, Rev. Messrs. Richard P. H. Vail, Frederick A. M. Brown, and Elder Andrew M. Bartlett, were appointed as a committee to make arrangements for his installation. Spring Stated Meeting, April 16, 1890.

Recess was taken until 2 P. M.

WEDNESDAY, 2 P. M.

The Presbytery re-assembled.

The first order of the afternoon, the election of Commissioners to the General Assembly, was taken up.

Rev. J. Hendrik de Vries and Elder Edward P. Whittemore were appointed tellers for the vote of ministers, and Rev. John S. Penman and Elder Edwin A. Slosson for vote of elders.

The following were declared elected:

PRINCIPALS.

Ministers.	*Elders.*
J. Ritchie Smith,	Edward Wells,
J. Aspinwall Hodge,	William H. Parsons,
John E. Bushnell.	Ralph E. Prime.

ALTERNATES.

John H. Eastman,	Stanton Cady,
Richard P. H. Vail,	Orson W. Sloat,
William Hart Dexter,	Milton Frost.

Rev. S. J. Austin of Fairfield West Association of Congregational Ministers and Rev. George W. F. Birch of the Presbytery of New York were invited to sit as corresponding members.

The Committee on Languages reported favorably on the examination of candidates in Hebrew and Greek and upon their Latin theses and exegeses.

On motion, the candidates preached portions of their sermons.

The roll was called and the examinations as a whole were unanimously sustained.

The candidates were then duly licensed to preach the Gospel in accordance with the provisions of the form of government.

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Mr. Nathan Frederick Van Horson, a member of the Mt. Vernon Church, was, after examination as to religious experience and views in seeking the ministry, received as a candidate, and recommended to the Board of Education for aid.

Rev. Washington Choate of the Fairfield West Association of Congregational Ministers was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The Committee on Education presented a report, which was accepted, and is as follows:

The following candidates are under the care of the Presbytery:

1. William J. Millar (Mt. Kisco), teaching school at Scarborough, N. Y. His eyes are improving and he hopes to return to college.

2. Robert R. White (Yorktown) is now in Junior Class in Union Theological Seminary. Aided.

3. O. Edward Loe (New Haven) graduated at Yale, July, 1889.

4. Hugh L. Hodge (Hartford), licentiate, has spent the past year in Europe as tutor and student.

5. Richard M. Hodge (Hartford), licentiate, is completing a fourth year's course of study at the Princeton Theological Seminary.

6. James A. Dow, licentiate, is now at Sydney, Australia.

7. Arthur Davis (New Haven) was not aided this year.

8. Charles L. Carhart (Peekskill, 1st), licentiate. The Stated Clerk was authorized, January 21, 1890, to give him a letter of dismissal when he might apply for it. He has been sick, but goes back to field under Home Board.

9. George Cornwell (Yorktown) is in Middle Class, Union Theological Seminary. He has been licensed to-day and is to supply the Pound Ridge Church this summer.

10. Samuel C. Hodge (Hartford) was received under the care of Presbytery, April 17, 1889, is now in Middle Class of Princeton Theological Seminary, and has been licensed to-day.

11. Charles Dillon (Darien) was received under the care of Presbytery, June 18, 1889, and recommended to the Board for $50. His eyes have interfered with his studies and he has received but $7 of the appropriation. The physicians are confident that he will be able to proceed with his preparation for the ministry.

12. John G. Lovell (Sing Sing) was received by Presbytery as a candidate October 2, 1889, and aided by the Board of Education. He is in the Senior Class of Union Theological Seminary. He has been licensed to-day.

13. Stanley K. Phraner was received as a candidate October 2, 1889. He is in Senior Class of Princeton Theological Seminary, and was licensed January 21, 1890. He is to go as a missionary to Siam.

14. Nicholas Schmeckenbecker (Yonkers) was received as a candidate October 2, 1889.

The June Intermediate Meeting was, on motion, appointed to be held in New York City, and the Moderator and Clerks were appointed a committee to arrange for the meeting, with authority to secure a place. Spring Stated Meeting, April 16, 1890.

The Committee appointed to draft a minute upon the death of Rev. James Ely presented their report, which was accepted and ordered to be entered in the Necrological Record of the Presbytery.

The Committee appointed to draft a minute upon the death of Rev. Charles C. Wallace presented a report, which was accepted and ordered to be entered in the Necrological Record.

The Committee on Revision of the Confession of Faith recommended a plan for discussion which, after amendment, was adopted, and is as follows:

1. Accept both reports.
2. Allow a representative of each side twenty minutes, general discussion to follow.
3. At the evening session, speeches to be limited to ten minutes.
4. Vote to be taken at close of discussion this evening, and to be taken section by section.

The Committee on Revision of the Confession of Faith then presented majority and minority reports, which were accepted, and it was ordered that they be entered upon the minutes. They are as follows:

MAJORITY REPORT.

To the second question of the General Assembly, regarding the nature and extent of the revision for which the Presbytery has already expressed its desire, the committee recommend that the following answer be returned:

1. We favor no change that will impair the integrity of the system of doctrine contained in the Confession.
2. We propose the following amendments:
   a — In Chap. III, Sec. 3, insert *for their sins* after *foreordained.*
   b — Omit Chap. III, Sec. 4.
   c — Chap. X, Sec. 3, should be so revised that it may not seem to imply that there are infants non-elect.
   d — Omit the last sentence of Chap. X, Sec. 3.
   e — Omit Chap. X, Sec. 4, after the words, *and therefore cannot be saved.*

f — In Chap. XXIV, Sec. 3, strike out *other idolaters* and insert *heathen*.

g — In Chap. XXV, Sec. 6, omit the last sentence.

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h — We call attention to the need of revision in Chap. III, Sec. 7, and in Chap. XVI, Sec. 7, but make no specific recommendations.

i — Incorporate in Chap. III a clear and explicit recognition of the love of God to all mankind, his desire that all men should turn to him and live, and his commission to the Church to preach the Gospel to every creature.

Respectfully submitted,

J. RITCHIE SMITH,
J. E. BUSHNELL,
J. H. TRUSSELL,
JOSEPH BARRETT,
O. W. SLOAT.

Minority Report.

To the Presbytery of Westchester:

The undersigned, a minority of your committee appointed to prepare answers to be made to the General Assembly's second question, relating to revision of the Confession of Faith, beg to report.

We see no reason for revision. To us there does not seem to be any unscriptural statement in the Confession of Faith. We recognize, however, that there are those who differ with us, and interpret the words otherwise. We have faithfully sought to agree to a report with the other members of the Committee, but they go farther than our consciences allow us. In view of the fact, that Presbytery has already answered the first question of the General Assembly, in favor of revision, we are clear that we may, as we do, lay aside our personal views and desires, and submit to Presbytery our views of how far the revision may go and not wholly antagonize those who oppose any revision at all. We, therefore, recommend that Presbytery answer the second question of the General Assembly, in these words, viz.:

1. We desire, that the full integrity of the system of doctrine as contained in the Confession of Faith be kept unimpaired.

2. We desire, that such passages in the Confession of Faith as seem to some persons to be overloaded or made one sided, by the making severely prominent the doctrine of God's sovereignty at the expense of His love, be softened in the words, or be so enlarged, as to make equally prominent, or if desired, supremely prominent, God's love for the world, and His commission to the Church to preach the Gospel to every creature.

3. We desire that you seek to avoid striking out whole statements of the Confession of Faith, for there are many beloved brethren in the Church, who sincerely believe that such act of striking out involves the teaching that the statement stricken out is untrue, unscriptural, and ought not to be believed, and never ought to have been believed, and they accept all the statements of the Confession to be true and in accord with the Scripture.

4. We desire, to the end that criticism of many may be removed and liberty of conscience accorded to all, and preserved to us, the which we should be always quick to accord: — That the words "for their sins" be inserted at the end of Sec. 3 of Chap. III. That Sec. 4 of Chap. III be so recast as to allow a liberty of belief in the doctrine taught by

those words to those of us who accept it as necessarily taught, and also liberty not to believe it to those who are not so led; That the words "for their sins," in Sec. 7, Chap. III, be transposed and inserted before the words "to pass by;" so amend Sec. 3 of Chap. X that it shall not, to any, seem to imply that there are non-elect infants; Add to Sec. 7, Chap. XVI, words which shall show that those acts are sinful, because they have not their impulse in the love of the Lord Jesus, and because every act which is put before that first duty of man, to obey God's command to be reconciled to God in Christ, is disobedience and cannot but be sin, howsoever good the act may seem to be. Spring Stated Meeting, April 16, 1890.

The undersigned sincerely trust that the love of the Church, which is of God's implanting in our hearts, may with the immediate work of the Holy Spirit, bring us to such common ground, that even if we cannot see eye to eye, yet we may give liberty to each other, which shall yet be within bounds which shall preserve to many who believe them, the loved and strength-giving statements of the Confession.

Respectfully submitted,

RALPH E. PRIME,
J. ASPINWALL HODGE,
THORNTON M. NIVEN, JR.

A motion was made to adopt the majority report.

An amendment to the motion was offered that the minority report be substituted for the majority.

Pending the consideration of the substitute, a recess was taken until 7.30 P. M.

WEDNESDAY, 7.30 P. M.

The Presbytery re-assembled and was opened with prayer.

Rev. William Y. Brown requested the dissolution of the pastoral relation existing between himself and the Port Chester Church.

On motion, the congregation of the Port Chester Church was cited to appear at the June Intermediate Meeting to show cause, if any existed, why this request should not be granted.

Consideration of revision was then resumed.

The motion to substitute the minority report for the majority report was then put, and, on motion, the ayes and noes were ordered to be taken and recorded.

The motion was lost by the following vote:

AYES. *Ministers.*— William Y. Brown, J. Aspinwall Hodge, Thornton M. Niven, Alexander Miller, Willis W. Dowd, Manfred P.

Welcher, Harris R. Schenck, Arthur Requa, J. Hendrik de Vries, Irving E. White.—10.

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Elders.—John Miller, Jr., Robert L. Wilde, Thomas G. Ritch, Ralph E. Prime, Henry L. St. John, James C. Jones, Benjamin C. Moore, John Watson.—8.

Total,.....18.

Noes. *Ministers.*—Addison K. Strong, Wilson Phraner, Lewis H. Reid, Edward T. Bromfield, John T. Wills, Theodore S. Pond, Richard P. H. Vail, Robert P. Gibson, William B. Waller, John H. Eastman, J. Ritchie Smith, James H. Hoyt, William J. Cumming, John H. Trussell, Charles S. Lane, John E. Bushnell, James A. McWilliams, John S. Penman, John F. Lynn, Harris Ely Adriance.—20.

Elders.—William H. Foster, Shadrach M. Brush, Albert Chamberlain, Joseph Barrett, Sanford R. Knapp, Enos Lee, Benjamin D. Everett, Morris E. Clinton, Ebenezer G. Platt, John Irwin, Edward P. Whittemore, John P. Truesdell, James C. Gerow, Edward F. Parsons, John T. Terry, Edwin A. Slosson, Charles R. Otis, John C. Rockwell.—18.

Total,..... .....38.

An invitation from the Yorktown Church to hold the Fall Stated Meeting there was accepted.

On motion, it was ordered that the Presbytery convene at 8.45 A. M. to-morrow, spend the first half hour in devotional services, and that further consideration of revision be made the first order for the morning.

Adjourned until 8.45 A. M. to-morrow.

Closed with prayer.

THURSDAY, April 17th, 8.45 A. M.

The Presbytery re-assembled and spent the first half hour in devotional service.

On motion, the calling of the roll was dispensed with.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read, and after correction, approved.

The consideration of the majority report of the Committee on Revision was then taken up section by section. The report was amended and the following sections were adopted:

1. We favor no change that will impair the integrity of the system of doctrine contained in the Confession.

2. We propose the following amendments:

a—In Chap. III, Sec. 3, insert *for their sins* after *foreordained.*

b — Omit last clause of Chap. III, Sec. 4, after the word *designed*.

c — Chap. X, Sec. 3, should be so revised that it may not to any seem to imply that there are infants or incapables who are non-elect.

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d — Omit Chap. X, Sec. 4, after the words, *and therefore cannot be saved*.

e — In Chap. XXIV, Sec. 3, strike out the words *Papists* and *other*.

The vote on sections *d* and *e* was taken by ayes and noes, and was as follows:

d — AYES. *Ministers.* — Addison K. Strong, Wilson Phraner, Lewis H. Reid, Edward T. Bromfield, John T. Wills, Theodore S. Pond, Robert P. Gibson, William B. Waller, John H. Eastman, J. Ritchie Smith, William J. Cumming, John H. Trussell, John E. Bushnell, James A. McWilliams, William Hart Dexter, John S. Penman, John F. Lynn, Harris Ely Adriance. — 18.

Elders. — William H. Foster, Albert Chamberlain, Sanford R. Knapp, Enos Lee, John Irwin, Edward P. Whittemore, James C. Gerow, Edwin A. Slosson, Charles R. Otis. — 9.

Total, ...27

NOES. *Ministers.* — J. Aspinwall Hodge, Thornton M. Niven, Alexander Miller, John Reid, Irving E. White, Manfred P. Welcher, Harris R. Schenck, Arthur Requa, J. Hendrik de Vries. — 9.

Elders. — John Watson, Robert L. Wilde, Ralph E. Prime, James C. Jones, Benjamin C. Moore. — 5.

Total, ...14.

Excused from voting. — Rev. Henry A. Davenport and Elder Edward F. Parsons. — 2.

e — AYES. *Ministers.* — Addison K. Strong, Wilson Phraner, Lewis H. Reid, Edward T. Bromfield, Theodore S. Pond, Robert P. Gibson, John H. Eastman, J. Ritchie Smith, John E. Bushnell, James A. McWilliams, William Hart Dexter, John S. Penman, John F. Lynn, Harris Ely Adriance, William J. Cumming, John H. Trussell. — 16.

Elders. — William H. Foster, Albert Chamberlain, Sanford R. Knapp, John Irwin, Edward P. Whittemore, James C. Gerow, Edward F. Parsons, Benjamin C. Moore, Edwin A. Slosson. — 9.

Total, ...25.

NOES. *Ministers.* — J. Aspinwall Hodge, Thornton M. Niven, Alexander Miller, Henry A. Davenport, William B. Waller, James H. Hoyt, Irving E. White, Manfred P. Welcher, Harris R. Schenck, Arthur Requa, J. Hendrick de Vries. — 11.

Elders. — John Watson, Robert L. Wilde, Thomas G. Ritch, Ralph E. Prime, James C. Jones, Charles R. Otis. — 6.

Total, ...17.

Excused from voting. — Rev. Messrs. John T. Wills and John Reid. — 2.

Pending the consideration of the majority report of Committee on Revision a recess was taken until 1.30 P. M.

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THURSDAY, 1.30 P. M.

The Presbytery re-assembled.

The consideration of the majority report of the Committee on Revision was resumed. The report was amended and the following additional sections were adopted:

f — In Chap. XXV, Sec. 6, omit all after the words, *the Lord Jesus Christ.*

g — We call attention to the need of revision in Chap. III, Sec. 7, and in Chap. XVI, Sec. 7, but make no specific recommendations.

h — Incorporate in Chap. III a clear and explicit recognition of the love of God to all mankind, His desire that all men should turn to Him and live, and His commission to the church to preach the Gospel to every creature.

i — Insert after Chap. VIII a chapter defining the doctrine of the Holy Spirit, to complete, systematically, the presentation of the teachings of the Bible, as interpreted and believed by our Church as to the being, attributes, and works of the Triune God.

On motion, the amended report, as a whole, was then adopted.

The report of the special committee on the report of the Committee to Revise Presbyterial Assessments was postponed until the June Intermediate Meeting. Similar action was taken with respect to the report of the Committee on the History of the Presbytery.

The Commission on the New Haven Church (p. 137) presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

The Church has called Rev. Frederick A. M. Brown, who has been with the Church for about a month. His ministrations are proving most successful.

A new church edifice is being erected at an expense of $8,000, on a most eligible site in the center of the city. The completion of the building is looked for about the 1st of July.

The commission has asked the Church Extension Committee to recommend the Church at New Haven to the Board of Home Missions, for the sum of $500, for the year.

The commission was continued.

Moderators were appointed for Sessions of vacant churches as follows:

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Rev. Robert P. Gibson, North Salem.
Rev. Harris R. Schenck, White Plains.
Rev. J. Hendrik de Vries, Westminster.
Rev. William B. Waller, Throgg's Neck.
Rev. James H. Hoyt, Pound Ridge.
Rev. Fred. A. M. Brown, New Haven, 1st.

The Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

The Pound Ridge Church has arranged to supply its pulpit for the next four months by one of our licentiates.

The Committee recommends that the church at Pleasantville be commended to the Synodical Aid Fund for the sum of $300 for the ensuing year, the church itself raising $500 towards the pastor's salary, with the understanding that they will make earnest effort to reduce the amount asked for next year.

The Committee recommends that the Board of Home Missions be requested to pay the New Haven Church the sum of $500 for the present year. The Church has pledged itself to raise $1,000.

The Committee calls the attention of the Churches of Presbytery to the needs of the Synodical Aid Fund, and asks that larger collections be taken up for this Fund than has heretofore been customary in the Presbytery.

It was *Resolved*, That the attention of Pastors and Sessions in the Presbytery is earnestly called to the directions of the General Assembly of 1889, by which the attention of the congregations to the Presbyterian Church is called to the aid pledged by the Presbyterian Church to the Church of Bohemia, and also the direction on the third Sabbath of September last, to take up a collection for that object.

On motion, the reports of committees of visitation to the churches under the direction of the Committee of Presbyterial Visitation were deferred and placed on the docket for the June Intermediate Meeting.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported on the report of the Woman's Executive Committee of Home Missions, that they were gratified with the work accomplished. Report accepted.

The report of Committee on the Minutes of Synod was postponed until the June Intermediate Meeting.

The Committee on Leave of Absence presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee had granted leave of absence to—

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Ministers.—Frederick A. M. Brown, Willis W. Dowd, William Y. Brown, Andrew B. Morse, Addison K. Strong, James A. McWilliams.

Elders.—Andrew M. Bartlett, Henry L. St. John, Benjamin D. Everett, Enos Lee, John T. Terry, John P. Truesdell, Ebenezer G. Platt.

It was *Resolved*, That we extend our hearty thanks to the pastor and people of this church for their generous hospitality during the sessions of the Presbytery.

The Committees of Arrangements for subsequent Stated Meetings were, on motion, instructed to select leaders for the devotional services of Presbytery.

The Committee to revise the rules of Presbytery for the keeping of Sessional Records (p. 135) presented a report, which was accepted and adopted, recommending the adoption of the following:

INFORMATION FOR CHURCH SESSIONS IN RECORDING THE MINUTES OF THEIR PROCEEDINGS.

The Presbytery herewith enjoins upon the Sessions, charged with the spiritual government and edification of the churches over which they are placed, the solemnity of the work of keeping the record of their proceedings, as a service rendered unto the Head of the Church; therefore, the need of fidelity and care in this work. The duty of becoming familiar with our Form of Government and Books of Discipline is urged upon the Ruling Eldership. And in order that their proceedings may be correctly recorded regular, and in harmony with the Constitution of the Church (Form of Government, Chap. IX, Sec. 8, and Book of Discipline, Chap. IX, Sections 71 and 72), the Sessions are directed to give heed to the following:

I. Record [1] the fact, place, and full date of meeting; [2] the names of the Moderator and Elders present, and the names of the absentees; [3] the opening and the closing of the meeting with prayer; and [4] the approval of preceding minutes.

II. Unless otherwise ordered by the Session, record only the motions that are carried.

III. In recording the reception of persons into the communion of the Church, state the fact of examination or of inspection of certificate; and in each case enter the full name, and, if wife or widow, the Christian name of husband.

IV. The annual statistical report to the Presbytery, the report on the state of religion or an abstract of it, administrations of the sacra-

ments, dismission of members, and the substance of all proceedings of the Church, and of meetings of the congregation called by the Session, should be severally reported to, and received by the Session; and by its order, incorporated with the minutes of the meeting at which the order is made.

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V. The pages of the record book should be numbered, and when reference is made in any minute to a previous action, the number of the page on which such action is recorded should be noted.

VI. No change or erasure of the record is to be made after a review of the same by the Presbytery, without a reference to that judicatory.

VII. The record of each meeting should be duly attested by the signature of the Clerk or the Moderator.

VIII. The record book should be submitted to the Presbytery at least once a year; and, it is recommended, at each Fall Stated Meeting.

It was ordered that it should be printed and a copy sent to every minister and ruling elder in the Presbytery.

The Treasurer was directed to pay necessary bills.

The roll was called and the following were found to have withdrawn without leave:

Ministers. — Charles E. Lindsley, Rollin A. Sawyer, Alexander Miller, Henry A. Davenport, Charles E. Allison, Charles S. Lane, John S. Allen.

Elders. — William H. Foster, John Miller, Jr., Robert L. Wilde, Shadrach M. Brush, Frank W. Marsh, Joseph Barrett, Daniel B. Finch, William Smith, Morris E. Clinton, John Irwin, Edward F. Parsons, James C. Jones, Nathan Johnston, Charles H. Randall, John C. Rockwell.

The minutes of to-day's sessions were read and approved.

Adjourned to meet in New York City, Tuesday, June 17, 1890.

Closed with prayer and the benediction.

W. J. CUMMING,
Stated Clerk.

J. H. EASTMAN,
Permanent Clerk.

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OFFICERS OF THE PRESBYTERY.

Moderator — Rev. John E. Bushnell, Rye, N. Y.; Stated Clerk and Treasurer — Rev. William J. Cumming, Yorktown, N. Y.; Permanent Clerk — John H. Eastman, Katonah, N. Y.

TRUSTEES.

Ministers. — Rollin A. Sawyer, Richard P. H. Vail, Thornton M. Niven, John E. Bushnell.

Elders. — Edward Wells (Clerk), Uriah Hill, William H. Parsons, Thomas G. Ritch, Benjamin Weed.

Statistical Report for the Year Ending March 31, 1890.

Churches,	36	Added on Examination,	255
Sunday-schools,	45	Added on Certificate,	265
Ministers,	61	Total Communicants,	6,707
Licentiates,	11	Adults Baptized,	85
Candidates,	10	Infants Baptized,	197
Elders,	149	Sunday-school Membership,	6,497
Deacons,	54		

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Home Missions,	$14,941	Synodical Aid Fund,	$533
Foreign Missions,	8,604	Aid for Colleges,	449
Education,	3,898	General Assembly,	725
Publication,	1,572	Congregational,	143,832
Church Erection,	1,112	American Bible Society,	534
Relief Fund,	1,429	Miscellaneous,	7,445
Freedmen,	661		
Total,			$185,735

NEW YORK CITY, June 17, 1890.

Intermediate Meeting, June 17, 1890.

The Presbytery of Westchester met pursuant to adjournment in the Presbyterian Mission House, 53 Fifth Avenue, New York City, Tuesday, June 17, 1890, and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator, Rev. John E. Bushnell.

The roll was called and the following were found to be present:

Ministers.	*Churches.*	*Elders.*
William Y. Brown,	Portchester,	John Miller, Jr.
J. Aspinwall Hodge,	Hartford,	
Rollin A. Sawyer,		
Thornton M. Niven,	Greenburgh,	Jacob T. Wheeler.
Frederick A. M. Brown,	New Haven, 1st,	Andrew M. Bartlett.
Alexander Miller,	Mahopac Falls,	
John Reid,	Yonkers, 1st,	G. Livingtone Morse.
William B. Waller,	New Rochelle,	
John H. Eastman,	Katonah,	
Willis W. Dowd,		
J. Ritchie Smith,	Peekskill, 1st,	Sanford R. Knapp.
James H. Hoyt,	Bedford,	David Travis.
William J. Cumming,	Yorktown,	
Charles E. Allison,	Dayspring,	
John H. Trussell,	S. E. Centre,	
Irving E. White,	Peekskill, 2d,	Joseph McDonald.
Manfred P. Welcher,	South Salem,	
Harris R. Schenck,	Mt. Kisco,	George W. Banks.
John E. Bushnell,	Rye,	Edward P. Whittemore.
John S. Allen,	Patterson,	
	Darien,	Benjamin Weed.
J. Hendrick de Vries,		
Harris Ely Adriance,	Huguenot Memorial,	
	White Plains,	Edwin A. Slosson.
	Westminster,	John H. Brown.
22		12

Total present,.....34

Ministers absent.—Elias S. Schenck, Isaac S. Davison, Chauncey D. Rice, Addison K. Strong, Daniel N. Freeland, Hugh A. McKelvey, Charles E. Lindsley, Wilson Phraner, David Murdoch, Lewis H. Reid, William Life, Talmon C. Perry, Andrew B. Morse, Edward T. Bromfield, Addison D. Madeira, Edward B. Allen, David A. Holbrook, Henry M. Baird, John T. Wills, Homer S. Newcomb, Theodore S. Pond, Christopher R. Brown, Charles H. Riggs, Richard P. H. Vail, Robert P. Gibson, Marcellus Bowen, Henry A. Davenport, R. Randall Hoes, Charles E. Upson, William K. Eddy, Charles P. Fagnani, Franklin B. Dwight, Charles S. Lane, James G. Rodger, James A. McWilliams, W. Hart Dexter, Arthur Requa, John S. Penman, John F. Lynn.—39.

Churches not represented.—Gilead, Hartford, South East, Greenwich 1st, Mahopac Falls, Stamford 1st, Croton Falls, Bridgeport 1st, New Rochelle, Katonah, Yorktown, Dayspring, South East Centre, South Salem, Mt. Vernon 1st, Sing Sing, Patterson, Thompsonville, Irving

ton, Pleasantville, Huguenot Memorial, Throgg's Neck, Pound Ridge, North Salem.—24.

Excused for absence.—Andrew B. Morse, Arthur Requa, W. Hart Dexter, Wilson Phraner.

Intermediate Meeting, June 17, 1890.

Corresponding Members.—Rev. Nathaniel N. Upham of Presbytery of Philadelphia Central, Rev. George W. F. Birch of the Presbytery of New York, and Rev. George H. Cleveland of the Presbytery of Jersey City.

The Committee of arrangements reported recommending that a recess be taken at 12.30–2 P. M. The report was laid on the table.

A communication from Rev. James N. Crocker, Synodical Superintendent, was referred to the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension.

Licentiate John G. Lovell was, on motion, dismissed to the Presbytery of Albany.

A communication from the Presbytery of Boston, in regard to forming a Synod of New England, was read and referred to a special committee, consisting of Rev. Messrs. John Reid, James H. Hoyt, and Elder Benjamin Weed.

The report of committee to whom had been referred a communication from the Secretary of the Presbyterian Ministers' Fund (p. 88) was, on motion, accepted.

The committee appointed to install Rev. John H. Trussell pastor of the South East Centre Church at Brewster, reported the fulfillment of the duty at the time appointed. The report was accepted.

Rev. J. Ritchie Smith, Rev. Irving E. White, and Elder Sanford R. Knapp were appointed a committee to revise the standing committees.

The request of Rev. William Y. Brown for the dissolution of pastoral relation with the Port Chester Church (p. 167) was then considered.

A minute of the action of the congregational meeting was read, concurring with regret in the request.

On motion, the request was granted, the dissolution to take effect at once.

Rev. John T. Wills was appointed to preach in the Port

Chester Church next Sunday morning and declare the pulpit vacant.

The Session were given permission to supply the pulpit until the next Stated Meeting. Intermediate Meeting, June 17, 1890.

Rev. William Y. Brown was granted a letter of dismission to the Presbytery of Philadelphia.

The report of the Committee on communication from the Secretary of the Presbyterian Ministers' Fund was taken up, and the second recommendation that the Secretary, Rev. Nathaniel N Upham, be heard, was adopted.

Rev. Mr. Upham addressed the Presbytery in regard to the Fund.

On motion, the first recommendation that a permanent committee be appointed to represent and report at least annually on the Fund, was adopted.

Rev. Messrs. John Reid, Andrew B. Morse, and William B. Waller were appointed the committee.

Elder John Miller, Jr., was, on motion, excused from further attendance upon this meeting.

The special committee, to which was referred the communication from the Boston Presbytery in regard to the forming of a Synod of New England, presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

1. That a committee of seven (four Ministers and three Elders) be appointed to confer with the Presbytery of Boston.
2. That of this committee, three Ministers and two Elders be from the churches in Connecticut.

Mr. Robert Irwin MacBride was received from the Presbytery of New York by certificate of dismission, as a candidate for the ministry.

Rev. J. Ritchie Smith reported for the Commissioners to the General Assembly their faithful attendance from the beginning to the end of the sessions, with the exception of Elder Edward Wells, who was called home before adjournment. The report was accepted, and the fidelity of the Commissioners was approved.

The reports of Committees on Visitation of the churches were postponed until the Fall Stated Meeting.

Intermediate Meeting, June 17, 1890.

The report of the Special Committee, to which was referred the report of Committee on Presbyterial Assessments (p. 170), was presented, accepted, and recommendations 1, 2, 4, and 5 were adopted. They are as follows:

1. That Presbytery pay one-half of the expenses of the Delegates, and that the individual churches from which Delegates are chosen be requested by the Stated Clerk to pay the other half of the expenses incurred by such Delegates respectively.

2. That the term of office of the "Permanent Clerk" be limited to one year; that hereafter no salary be paid for this office; and that the said clerk be elected at the Fall Stated Meeting.

4. That the expenses of committees of Presbytery be paid only when ordered by special vote of Presbytery.

5. That churches where meetings are held defray all expenses incurred for sexton's services, etc.

Recommendations 3, 6, and 7 were referred to a special committee.

Elders Sanford R. Knapp, Stanton Cady, and Ralph E. Prime were appointed such committee.

Rev. Messrs. J. Aspinwall Hodge, Richard P. H. Vail, Henry A. Davenport, and William B. Waller, and Elders Edward F. Parsons, Andrew M. Bartlett, and G. Livingstone Morse, were appointed a committee to confer with the Presbytery of Boston.

Rev. Messrs. J. Aspinwall Hodge and William J. Cumming were appointed a committee to arrange for the ordination of Licentiate Stanley K. Phraner.

The Committee on Education presented a report recommending that Candidates Nicholas Schmeckenbecher and Robert I. MacBride be recommended to the Board of Education for aid. Adopted.

Their pastors were appointed to superintend their studies.

The Stated Clerk was authorized to grant a letter of dismission to such Presbytery, as he may desire, to Licentiate Richard Morse Hodge.

Moderators were appointed for Sessions of vacant churches, as follows:

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Rev. John T. Wills, Port Chester.
Rev. Harris Ely Adriance, Throgg's Neck.
Rev. Charles S. Lane, White Plains.

The Special Committee on Presbyterial Assessments was authorized to devise a plan to meet the expenses of Presbytery for the current year.

Additional time was given to the Committee to arrange for the installation of Rev. Frederick A. M. Brown as pastor of the New Haven First Church (p. 163).

The Committee to arrange for the ordination of Licentiate Stanley K. Phraner presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Presbytery to adjourn to meet in the Presbyterian Church at New Rochelle, Thursday, July 24th, at 7.30 P. M. To preside, propound the constitutional questions, and make the ordaining prayer, the Moderator; Sermon, Rev. William B. Waller; alternates, Rev. Messrs. Charles S. Lane and Harris Ely Adriance; Charge, Rev. Wilson Phraner; alternates, Rev. James A. McWilliams and John E. Bushnell.

The minutes were read and approved.

Adjourned to meet in the Presbyterian Church, New Rochelle, N. Y., Thursday, July 24th, at 7.30 P. M.

Closed with prayer.

W. J. CUMMING,
Stated Clerk.

J. H. EASTMAN,
Permanent Clerk.

NEW ROCHELLE, N. Y., July 24, 1890.

The Presbytery of Westchester met, pursuant to adjournment, in the Presbyterian Church, New Rochelle, N. Y., Thursday, July 24, 1890, at 7.30 P. M., and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator, Rev. John E. Bushnell. Adjourned Meeting, July 24, 1890.

Rev. Harris Ely Adriance was elected clerk *pro tem.*

The roll was called and the following found to be present:

Ministers.	*Churches.*	*Elders.*
Daniel N. Freeland,		
Wilson Phraner,		
William B. Waller,	New Rochelle,	
Manfred P. Welcher,	South Salem,	
Charles S. Lane,	Mt. Vernon, 1st,	A. Noel Blakeman.
John E. Bushnell,	Rye,	
Harris Ely Adriance,	Hug. Mem'l.	
7		1

Total present,.....8

Licentiate Stanley K. Phraner was duly examined as to his knowledge of the sacraments and pastoral theology. The examination was sustained.

On motion, Rev. Erskine N. White of the Presbytery of New York was requested to offer the ordaining prayer in the place of the Moderator.

The Presbytery then proceeded to the ordination of Mr. Phraner as an Evangelist.

The sermon was preached by Rev. Charles S. Lane, alternate, from the text Gal. vi, 9.

After a statement of the action of the Presbytery (p. 179) and the propounding of the constitutional questions, the prayer of ordination was offered by Rev. Erskine N. White.

The charge was delivered by Rev. Wilson Phraner.

The benediction was pronounced by Rev. Stanley K. Phraner.

Adjourned to meet in the Presbyterian Church, Yorktown, N. Y., Tuesday, Oct. 7, 1890.

Closed with prayer. W. J. CUMMING,
Stated Clerk.

J. H. EASTMAN, *Permanent Clerk.*

YORKTOWN, N. Y., October 7, 1890.

Fall Stated Meeting, October 7, 1890.

The Presbytery of Westchester met, pursuant to adjournment, in the Presbyterian Church, Yorktown, N. Y., Tuesday, Oct. 7, 1890, at 2 P. M., was called to order, in the absence of the Moderator, by the Rev. Irving E. White, the last Moderator present, and was constituted with prayer.

The roll was called and the following found to be present:

Ministers.	*Churches.*	*Elders.*
Wilson Phraner,		
Lewis H. Reid,		
Talmon C. Perry,		
J. Aspinwall Hodge,	Hartford,	Alexander Spence.
Rollin A. Sawyer (2),		
	Greenburgh,	Richard R. Tyers (2).
	Greenwich, 1st,	Shadrach M. Brush (2).
Theodore S. Pond,		
Alexander Miller (2),	Mahopac Falls,	James F. Kennard (2).
Richard P. H. Vail,	Stamford, 1st,	Louis S. Begent (2).
	Croton Falls,	George W. Abrams (2).
John Reid (2),	Yonkers, 1st,	Hezekiah King, (2).
	Bridgeport, 1st,	Edward P. Bullard (2).
William B. Waller (2),	New Rochelle,	William S. Lyon.
John H. Eastman,	Katonah,	
J. Ritchie Smith,	Peekskill, 1st,	Sanford R. Knapp.
James H. Hoyt,	Bedford,	John G. Clark.
William J. Cumming,	Yorktown,	Elijah Lee.
Charles E. Allison,	Dayspring,	Thomas F. Hope (2).
John H. Trussell,	S. E. Centre,	Warren S. Paddock (2).
Robert B. Mattice (2),	Throgg's Neck,	Chas. H. Randall (2).
Irving E. White,	Peekskill, 2d,	Morris E. Clinton (2).
Manfred P. Welcher (2),	South Salem,	George E. Hull (2).
Harris R. Schenck,	Mt. Kisco,	Joseph Banks.
	Mt. Vernon, 1st,	John Irwin.
John E. Bushnell,	Rye,	Henry Parsons.
	Sing Sing,	Theodore F. Brown (2).
John S. Allen (2),	Patterson,	James A. Merritt.
W. Hart Dexter (2),	Thompsonville,	Andrew Sloane.
Arthur Requa,	Darien,	James A. Shaw (2).
John S. Penman (2),	Irvington,	
J. Hendrik de Vries,		
John F. Lynn,	Pleasantville,	William E. Kenyon.
Harris Ely Adriance,	Hug. Memorial,	
	White Plains,	Edwin A. Slosson (2).
	Westminster,	Chas. R. Otis (2).
	Port Chester,	John Miller, Jr. (2).
28		28

Total present,.....56

Ministers absent.— Elias S. Schenck, Isaac S. Davison, Chauncey D. Rice, Addison K. Strong, Daniel N. Freeland, Hugh A. McKelvey,

Charles E. Lindsley, David Murdoch, William Life, Andrew B. Morse, Edward T. Bromfield, Addison D Madeira, Edward B Allen, Thornton M. Niven, Frederick A. M. Brown, David A. Holbrook, Henry M. Baird, John T. Wills, Homer S. Newcomb, Christopher R. Brown, Charles H. Riggs, Robert P. Gibson, Marcellus Bowen, Henry A. Davenport, R. Randall Hoes, Willis W. Dowd, Charles E. Upson, William K. Eddy, Charles P. Fagnani, Franklin B. Dwight, Charles S. Lane, James G. Rodger, James A. McWilliams, George R. Cutting, Stanley K. Phraner. — 35. Fall Stated Meeting, October 7, 1890.

Churches not represented. — Gilead, South East, New Haven, 1st, Katonah, Irvington, Huguenot Memorial, Pound Ridge, North Salem. — 8.

Excused for absence from this meeting. — David Murdoch, Andrew B. Morse, John T. Wills, Thornton M. Niven, Addison K. Strong, Charles E. Lindsley, Henry A. Davenport, Charles S. Lane.

Excused for absence from the Spring Stated Meeting. — Talmon C. Perry, Charles H. Riggs.

Excused for absence from the June Intermediate Meeting. — Wilson Phraner, Lewis H. Reid, Theodore S. Pond, Addison K. Strong, John F. Lynn.

Corresponding Members. — Rev. George B. Mead of the New Conference of the M. E. Church, Rev. Anthony R. Macoubrey of the Presbytery of East Florida, Rev. George W. F. Birch of the Presbytery of New York.

Rev. John H. Trussell was elected Moderator.

Rev. John H. Eastman was elected Permanent Clerk for the ensuing year.

Rev. John F. Lynn and Elder Sanford R. Knapp, were elected temporary clerks.

The Committee of Arrangements presented a report which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, 9.10 A. M., Rev. J. Ritchie Smith, Leader; Business Sessions, 10 A. M. to 12 M., and 2 to 5.30 P. M.; Evening Meetings, Tuesday, 7.30 P. M., sermon by retiring Moderator, Rev. John E. Bushnell; Wednesday, 7.30 P. M., addresses by Elders William H. Parsons, Edward Wells, and Ralph E. Prime, in the interest of Ministerial Relief.

The Minutes of July 24th were read and approved.

A communication from the Board of Home Missions in regard to granting applications of two of our churches was read.

The Stated Clerk announced that in accordance with the instructions of Presbytery Licentiate Charles L. Carhart (p. 151) was dismissed, June 24th, to the Presbytery of Duluth, and Licentiate Richard Morse Hodge (p. 178), August 8th, to the Presbytery of Milwaukee.

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A communication was received from Elder Thomas G. Ritch, Treasurer of the Trustees of Presbytery, announcing the receipt from the estate of the late Rev. Carson W. Adams of $1,058.07, being $1,000 principal of legacy, $108.07 of interest, less $50 succession tax, that this amount is now on deposit in the Union Dime Savings Bank to the credit of the Trustees of the Presbytery of Westchester, and that the interest, $58.07 is available for the use of Presbytery, whenever called for.

On motion, the matter of the legacies from the above estate was referred to the Trustees to report more fully to Presbytery.

Rev. J. Aspinwall Hodge stated that his son, Licentiate Richard M. Hodge, had been ordained and installed as pastor of the Westminster Church of Milwaukee.

Rev. Wilson Phraner also reported that his son, Rev. Stanley K. Phraner, left immediately after his ordination for his field of labor among the Laos.

A communication from the Stated Clerk of General Assembly in regard to action upon a resolution of that body, with respect to vacant churches (Minutes, 1890, pp. 110, and 157–160), was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

A letter from Rev. Charles H. Riggs was read, requesting a certificate of membership. On motion, the Stated Clerk was authorized to grant him a letter of dismission, whenever he shall ask for it.

A communication from Rev. James N. Crocker, Synodical Superintendent, was read, and, on motion, referred to the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension.

A letter was read from John T. Wills, reporting that he had declared the pulpit of the Port Chester Church vacant on June 22d.

A communication from the Westminster Church in regard to call of Rev. George R. Cutting was read, and laid on the table until to-morrow morning.

The Moderator announced the following committees:

I. Bills and Overtures.

Ministers. — John E. Bushnell, Irving E. White, Wilson Phraner. Fall Stated Meeting, October 7, 1890.
Elders. — Henry Parsons, Morris E. Clinton.

II. Judicial Business.

Ministers. — J. Aspinwall Hodge, Theodore S. Pond, Talmon C. Perry.
Elders. — Elijah Lee, Hezekiah King.

III. Leave of Absence.

Minister. — John H. Eastman.
Elder. — Sanford R. Knapp.

IV. Finance.

Elders. — Sanford R. Knapp, Henry Parsons.

V. Sessional Records.

	Church.	*Minister.*	*Elder.*
1	Gilead,		
2	Port Chester,	John S. Penman,	George E. Hull.
3	Hartford,	James H. Hoyt,	Joseph Banks.
4	South East,		
5	Greenburgh,	John S. Allen,	Theodore F. Brown.
6	New Haven, 1st,		
7	Greenwich, 1st,	John Reid,	Richard R. Tyers.
8	Mahopac Falls,	Robert B. Mattice,	George W. Abrams.
9	Stamford, 1st,	Harris Ely Adriance,	Charles H. Randall.
10	Croton Falls,		
11	Yonkers, 1st,	Rollin A. Sawyer,	Edwin A. Slosson.
12	Bridgeport, 1st,	Talmon C. Perry,	George W. Abrams.
13	New Rochelle,	J. Hendrick deVries,	John Irwin.
14	Katonah,	Talmon C. Perry,	Morris E. Clinton.
15	Peekskill, 1st,	Arthur Requa,	William E. Kenyon.
16	Bedford,	Irving E. White,	Elijah Lee.
17	Yorktown,	Harris R. Schenck,	Andrew Sloane.
18	Dayspring,	John E. Bushnell,	John G. Clark.
19	S. E. Center,	John E. Bushnell,	John G. Clark.
20	Peekskill, 2d,	J. Aspinwall Hodge,	Henry Parsons.
21	South Salem,		
22	Mt. Kisco,	J. Ritchie Smith,	Alexander Spence.
23	Mt. Vernon, 1st,	Chas. E. Allison,	Elijah Lee.
24	Rye,	Wilson Phraner,	Sanford R. Knapp.
25	Sing Sing,	Lewis H. Reid,	Shadrach M. Brush.
26	Patterson,	Wilson Phraner,	Sanford R. Knapp.
27	Thompsonville,	John F. Lynn,	Warren S. Paddock.
28	Darien,	Talmon C. Perry,	Morris E. Clinton.
29	Irvington,	Wm. B. Waller,	Hezekiah King.
30	Pleasantville,	Theodore S. Pond,	John G. Clark.
31	Huguenot Memorial,	Richard P. H. Vail,	William S. Lyon.
32	White Plains,	Alexander Miller,	James F. Kennard.
33	Westminster,	J. Ritchie Smith,	John Miller, Jr.
34	Throgg's Neck,	Richard P. H. Vail,	William S. Lyon.
35	Pound Ridge,	Manfred P. Welcher,	Wm. E. Kenyon.
36	North Salem,		

The Treasurer presented his report, which was, on motion, referred to the Committee on Finance. It is as follows:

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TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING OCT. 1, 1890.

Receipts.

Cash on hand Oct. 1, 1890,		$150.91
Assessment, 1889,	$25.00	
" 1890,	728.00	
		753.00
Total,		$903.91

Disbursements.

Salaries — Stated Clerk,	$75.00	
" Permanent Clerk,	30.00	
		$105.00
Expenses — Postage and Stationery,	$24.39	
" Committees,	11.75	
		36.14
Printing — Minutes,	$99.51	
" Notices,	8.50	
		108.01
Apportionments, Synod, 1889,	$32.70	
" " 1890,	33.54	
" General Assembly, 1890,	457.73	
		523.97
Expenses of Delegates to the Synod,		26.36
Balance on History,		43.26
Total,		$842.74

Cash on hand Oct. 1, 1890,	$61.17
Unpaid Assessment, 1889,	3.00
Disbursements to April 1, 1891 (estimated),	190.00
Deficit " " "	125.00

The Committee to revise Standing Committees (p. 176) presented its report, which, on motion, was referred back to the committee for consideration of suggestions in regard to the appointment of Elders on committees.

The report of the Committee on Presbyterial Assessments (p. 178) was presented. It was accepted and its consideration made the third order for to-morrow morning.

The following resolution was offered:

That the amount appropriated for the expenses of Delegates to the Synod be divided equally between those Delegates reporting their attendance and their expenses to the Stated Clerk of Presbytery within ten days after the close of Synod; but in no case shall the amount paid to any Delegate exceed the expenses of such Delegate, and that the Stated Clerk be directed to notify the Delegates of this action.

On motion, this resolution was made, with the report, the third order for to-morrow morning.

The report of the Committee to confer with Committee of Presbytery of Boston (p. 178) was deferred until to-morrow. Fall Stated Meeting, October 7, 1890.

Committees to visit the churches at Sing Sing and Pleasantville presented their reports, which were accepted.

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly presented their report, which was accepted, and is as follows:

1. Report of Committee on Education, p. 34.
2. Lotteries and gambling, p. 37.
3. Special offering for Boards of Home and Foreign Missions, p. 44.
4. Approval of the rapid extension of work in New England, p. 44.
5. Change of place of meeting of a Presbytery, p. 45.
6. Wider circulation of The Church at Home and Abroad, p. 60.
7. The Monthly Concert of Prayer for Missions and the insufficiency of a single annual offering for Foreign Missions, p. 60.
8. Special prayer for the better observance of the Sabbath on the first week of April, 1891, p. 68.
9. The churches should give annual account to the Presbyteries of their fidelity in contributing to the Boards, p. 78.
10. Church Sessions to hold monthly meetings, p. 132.
11. Report of Sub-committee on Vacant Churches and Unemployed Ministers, p. 110.
12. Special attention of Presbyteries is called to the report of the Special Committee on Increasing the Number of Ministers, and parts of report were sent down to the Presbyteries as overtures, pp. 71 and 148.
13. The Overture on Deaconnesses, p. 121.
14. The Overture relating to amendments of our Standards, p. 63.

Rev. Irving E. White was appointed to draft the narrative for the Spring Stated Meeting, and Rev. Arthur Requa alternate.

The January Intermediate Meeting was appointed to be held at the Presbyterian Mission House, 53 Fifth Avenue, New York City, and the Stated Clerk was made the Committee of Arrangements.

The following were reported as having been elected trustees of the Presbyterian Church at Narragansett Pier, R. I., to serve one year, beginning August 15, 1891:

Rev. Messrs. J. Aspinwall Hodge, D.D., J. M. Buchanan, D.D., Walter Buchanan, T. S. Wynkoop, and Walter Fobes, Hon. Sherman

Rodgers, and Messrs. Samuel Colgate, Edward Austen, D. Clark, and H. C. Phillips.

The election was ratified by the Presbytery.

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The report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was read, accepted, and its recommendation adopted. It is as follows:

During the past year 33 churches contributed $8,604. During the previous year 34 churches contributed $7,345. The increase for the past year was $1,259. It is plain that the gifts of the church at large are falling far short of the needs and opportunities of this work. The time is ripe for an advance, and we recommend that a circular letter be printed and sent to the churches.

The report of the Committee on Manses was deferred until to-morrow.

Rev. Talmon C. Perry was heard in reference to mission work in the city of Montreal and vicinity.

Recess taken until 7.30 P. M.

TUESDAY, 7.30 P. M.

The Presbytery re-assembled at 7.30 P. M.

A sermon was preached by the retiring Moderator, Rev. John E. Bushnell, from Joshua xxiii, 10.

The report of the committee to confer with a committee of the Presbytery of Boston (p. 187) was made the fourth order for to-morrow morning.

The minutes of to-day's session were read and approved.

Adjourned until 9 A. M. to-morrow morning.

Closed with prayer.

WEDNESDAY, October 8, 9 A. M.

The Presbytery met at 9 A. M. and spent the first hour in devotional exercises.

The roll was called and the following, not present yesterday, answered to their names:

Ministers.— Rollin A. Sawyer, Alexander Miller, John Reid, William B. Waller, Robert B. Mattice, Manfred P. Welcher, John S. Allen, W. Hart Dexter, John S. Penman.

Elders.— Richard R. Tyers, Shadrach M. Brush, James F. Kennard, Louis S. Begent, George W. Abrams, Hezekiah King, Edward P. Bullard, Thomas F. Hope, Warren S. Paddock, George E. Hull, Theodore F. Brown, James A. Shaw, Edwin A. Slosson, Charles R. Otis, Charles H. Randall, John Miller, Jr. Fall Stated Meeting, October 8, 1890.

Rev. Robert B. Mattice was received by letter of dismission from the Presbytery of East Florida, and it was ordered that his name be enrolled.

The consideration of calls was made the fifth order of the morning session.

The first order of the day, the nomination of Delegates to the Synod, was taken up, and the following were put in nomination:

Ministers.—James H. Hoyt, J. Aspinwall Hodge, Richard P. H. Vail, John S. Allen, J. Ritchie Smith, Arthur Requa, William J. Cumming, John H. Trussell, Henry A. Davenport, W. Hart Dexter, Irving E. White.

Elders.—James A. Merritt, Henry Parsons, Thomas G. Ritch, Sanford R. Knapp, John G. Clark, David F. Hollister, George W. Banks, William S. Lyon, John Watson, Stanton Cady, George W. Abrams, Benjamin Weed.

Candidate Robert R. White was recommended anew to the Board of Education for aid.

The chairman of the Committee on Education announced that the applications of candidates recommended at the June Intermediate Meeting (p. 178) had been granted by the Board.

The third order was taken up and the report of the Committee on Presbyterial Assessments (p. 186) was considered seriatim. The following recommendations were adopted:

1. We recommend as to item 3, that the term of office of the Stated Clerk remain the same as at present, and that the salary be fixed at the sum of $100 per annum.

2. We recommend as to item 6, that there be appropriated and raised for Presbyterial purposes as follows:

Salary of Stated Clerks,	$100.00
Printing Minutes, average for two years,	87.00
Other printing, " " "	13 00
One-half of expenses of Delegates to the Synod,	70.50
Contingent Fund, postage, and incidental expenses,	50.00
Total,	$320.50

and that this sum be apportioned among the churches as follows: First, the sum of $1 to each of the thirty-six churches of the Presbytery, and second, the balance of $284.50 to the churches according to their ability, based on the report of each of its current general expenses for the past year. The amount for the General Assembly and Synod, $490.52, has heretofore been apportioned to the churches according to membership. If this recommendation is adopted, the apportionment will be as follows:

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	Church.	*Assembly and Synod.*	*Presbytery.*	*Total.*
1.	Bedford,	$11.10	$6.13	$17.23
2.	Bridgeport,	28.28	17.70	45.98
3.	Croton Falls,	4.35	4.52	8.87
4.	Darien,	5.10	3.90	9.00
5.	Dayspring,	17.18	6.13	23.31
6.	Gilead,	4.50	5.18	9.68
7.	Greenburgh,	15.60	15.13	30.73
8.	Greenwich, 1st,	7.43	10.63	18.06
9.	Hartford,	21.30	8 07	29.37
10.	Hug. Mem'l,	2.10	6.46	8.56
11.	Irvington,	17.48	14.17	31.65
12.	Katonah,	7.73	5.50	13.23
13.	Mahopac Falls,	9.00	5.50	14.50
14.	Mt. Kisco,	11.03	6.13	17.16
15.	Mt. Vernon, 1st,	15.53	12.56	28.09
16.	New Haven, 1st,	9.23	7.10	16.33
17.	New Rochelle,	22.13	15.13	37.26
18.	North Salem,	1.50	1.33	2.83
19.	Patterson,	6.15	5.50	11.65
20.	Peekskill, 1st,	20.70	11.60	32.30
21.	Peekskill, 2d,	11.48	6.78	18.26
22.	Port Chester,	9.53	7.42	16.95
23.	Pound Ridge,	5.63	3.90	9.53
24.	Pleasantville,	3.00	3.90	6.90
25.	Rye,	21.00	16.09	37.09
26.	Sing Sing,	28.43	16.09	44.52
27.	South East,	3.30	3.90	7 20
28.	South East Centre,	8.48	5.18	13.66
29.	South Salem,	10.13	5.18	15.31
30.	Stamford, 1st,	27.38	22.19	49.57
31.	Thompsonville,	24.15	8 39	32.54
32.	Throgg's Neck,	3.98	3.90	7.88
33.	White Plains,	10.50	7.75	18.25
34.	Westminster,	34.35	13 84	48.19
35.	Yonkers, 1st,	40.88	22 19	63.07
36.	Yorktown,	10.88	5.18	16.06

3. We recommend, as to item 7, that it be adopted as follows: "That the amount herewith apportioned to the respective churches for Presbyterial purposes be fixed figures until otherwise ordered, and that the Stated Clerk be authorized to add to them from year to year the varying amounts called for by the Assembly and Synodical assessments for each year respectively."

4. Your committee would further recommend, that if, on the report of the Treasurer at this Fall Meeting of Presbytery, there appears any deficiency, or not enough on hand to pay the current expenses up to the Spring Meeting, then such amount, together with the amount of $50 advanced to the Committee on the History, be apportioned by the Stated Clerk to the churches on the basis of the above Presbyterial

assessments, and the same be added to the amount that the churches will have to pay at the next Spring Meeting.

The Treasurer was authorized to borrow funds necessary to meet present deficiency in the treasury on the best possible terms. Fall Stated Meeting, October 8, 1890.

The resolution offered yesterday and included in the third order of to-day (p. 187) was adopted.

It was voted that resolution just adopted shall not be so construed that less than half of the expenses of the delegates be paid in any instance.

The fourth order was then taken up, the consideration of the report of the Committee to confer with a Committee of the Presbytery of Boston (p. 188). Report was accepted.

Recess was taken until 1.30 P. M.

WEDNESDAY, 1.30 P. M.

The Presbytery reassembled.

The hearing of reports on Sessional Records was made the third order, and the report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures the fourth order of this afternoon.

The first order of the afternoon, the election of Delegates to the Synod, was taken up.

Rev. John E. Bushnell and Elder George W. Abrams were appointed tellers of votes for ministers, and Rev. Theodore S. Pond and Elder Morris E. Clinton of votes for elders.

The following were declared elected :

PRINCIPALS.

Ministers.	*Elders.*
Richard P. H. Vail (two years),	Henry Parsons (two years),
William J. Cumming (two years),	Stanton Cady (two years),
James H. Hoyt (two years).	Sanford R. Knapp (two years),
	Thomas G. Ritch (two years).

Alternates.

J. Ritchie Smith,	James A. Merritt,
J. Aspinwall Hodge,	George W. Abrams,
Henry A. Davenport,	Joseph Banks,
W. Hart Dexter,	David F. Hollister,
Irving E. White,	William S. Lyon,
Arthur Requa,	Benjamin Weed,
John H. Trussell.	John Watson.

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On motion, Presbytery heard the report of the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension, which was accepted and its recommendation adopted:

The Committee would recommend, in view of the financial emergency, that Presbytery request the pastors and elders to call the attention of the churches to the present needs of the Board of Home Missions, and that they be directed to take the special collection for its relief, recommended by the General Assembly.

Total contributed to Home Missions by this Presbytery during the past year, $6,498.24. This includes church and sabbath-school collections and amounts given by Woman's Board. Last year $5,804.62. Increase, $583.62.

On motion, calls for pastors were considered.

A call from the Westminster Church of Yonkers, N. Y., for the pastoral services of Rev. George R. Cutting, was presented and found in order. The commissioners from the church were heard. The call was, on motion, considered as placed in his hands (his acceptance having been signified by letter), and Rev. John Reid and Elder Charles R. Otis were appointed a committee to arrange for his installation.

Rev. George R. Cutting was received by letter of dismission from the Presbytery of Chicago, and it was ordered that his name be enrolled.

A call from the Port Chester Church for the Rev. William N. Ritchie was found in order, and laid on the table for the present.

The unfinished business of the morning session, the report of the Committee to confer with a Committee of the Presbytery of Boston, was resumed.

Pending consideration of this report, the Sessional Records were approved as follows:

Without exception, Port Chester, Hartford, Greenburgh, Greenwich 1st, Mahopac Falls, Stamford 1st, Yonkers 1st, New Rochelle, Peekskill 1st, Bedford, Dayspring, South East Center, Peekskill 2d, Mt. Vernon 1st, Rye, Thompsonville, Huguenot Memorial, White Plains, Throgg's Neck, Pound Ridge, Katonah, Darien, Pleasantville, Sing Sing, Mt. Kisco, Patterson, Irvington, Westminster, Bridgeport; with exception, Yorktown. Fall Stated Meeting, October 8, 1890.

The churches, whose Sessional Records had not been presented, Gilead, South East, New Haven 1st, Croton Falls, South Salem, and North Salem, were directed to present them at the January Intermediate Meeting.

Resuming consideration of the report of the Committee to confer with a Committee of the Presbytery of Boston, the following substitute for the recommendation of the Committee was adopted:

The Presbytery of Westchester is in sympathy with the idea of a partition of the Synod of New York, but is not now prepared to advise the formation of a Synod of New England, as proposed.

Presbytery would overture the Synod of New York that it appoint a committee of fifteen to take the matter into consideration and report at the next meeting of Synod, a copy of the report to be sent to Presbyteries affected, before their Spring Stated Meetings.

The report, with this substitution, was then adopted.

On motion, the call of Port Chester Church was taken from the table, and that Church was authorized to prosecute the call before the Presbytery of Philadelphia.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported upon communication from the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly (p. 184), referred to them as follows:

The Presbytery, while recognizing and deploring the evils set forth in the Special Committee's report and the faithful endeavor of the Committee to solve the problem involved, yet, in view of all the circumstances, deem the proposed plan impracticable.

The report was accepted and adopted.

The overtures from General Assembly in regard to Deaconesses and Constitutional Changes were referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

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The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported, recommending that the overture on Deaconesses be referred to a special committee of three, who shall report at the January Intermediate Meeting. Adopted.

Rev. Messrs. J. Ritchie Smith and John S. Penman and Elder John H. Dey were appointed such committee.

The committee also recommended that the overture on Constitutional Changes be referred to a special committee of three, who shall report at the Spring Stated Meeting. Adopted.

Rev. Messrs. J. Aspinwall Hodge and John E. Bushnell and Elder Ralph E. Prime were appointed such committee.

The Committee on Temperance presented its report, which was accepted, and the following recommendations adopted:

1. Presbytery enjoins all its members and all the people under its care to study, pray, and work for and towards unity of thought, labor, and action concerning the cause of Temperance, that in the speediest time possible the division and subdivision of the Temperance forces may disappear, and such a consolidation thereof arise, as shall bring in the fullest and most enduring success of this cause.

2. That Presbytery, while recognizing and respecting the inalienable right of independent thinking, speaking, and acting, does yet recommend to all its members and the members of the churches in its connection to mass their influence about and cast their votes for such candidates for public office as shall be most likely to advance the cause of Temperance by their work in our National and State legislation.

3. That Presbytery commend to the attention and support of all its members, the members of its churches and of the public at large the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of New York, prohibiting the manufacture and sale of all intoxicating drinks or beverages, for which a vote is to be taken in April next; and Presbytery expresses the opinion that such an amendment ought to carry and ought to be enforced.

The Committee to make arrangements for the installation of Rev. George R. Cutting as pastor of the Westminster Church, Yonkers, N. Y., presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Time. — Thursday, November 6th, 7.45 P. M. To preside and propound the constitutional questions, the Moderator. Sermon, Rev. Theodore L. Cuyler, D.D., of the Presbytery of Brooklyn, to be invited; alternate, Rev. Charles E. Allison. Charge to the Pastor, Rev. John Reid; alternate, Rev. J. Hendrik DeVries. Charge to the people, Rev. W. Hart Dexter; alternate, Rev. Charles S. Lane.

The Committee on Aid for Colleges presented a report, which was accepted, and is as follows:

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Of our thirty-six churches, twenty-five contributed during the last year to this cause The total amount, according to the Assembly's Minutes, is $449; according to the Board's Report, it is $435.02. In either case, the contributions of the churches in this Presbytery for this cause show, in 1890, an increase of about 30 per cent. over those of 1889. Nine churches, which failed to report in 1889, reported this year.

The Committee on Freedmen presented a report, which was accepted, and is as follows:

In 1889, the churches of this Presbytery contributed to this cause $1,045; and in 1890, but $661, a falling off of nearly $400. The Committee commend to the pastors the earnest consideration of this subject, as given in the reports. Read till your hearts glow with enthusiasm over the work of this the first-quarter century of our church for the freedmen.

The Committee on Publication and Sabbath-school Work presented a report, which was accepted, and is as follows:

The Presbytery has forty-five Sunday-schools under its care. They enroll upwards of 6,750 officers, teachers, and scholars. The Shorter Catechism is taught in all the schools except Darien, Irvington, Throgg's Neck, and the chapels under the care of Irvington and Sing Sing. The Westminster Helps are used in all except the Westminster and the chapel schools at Peekskill. The contributions of this Presbytery for Sunday-school work as reported to the General Assembly were $1,572. $798 more than last year's.

The Committee call attention of our Sunday-school librarians to the publications of the Board. The Committee recommend to churches and Sunday-schools the holding of district conventions, such as those held at Mt. Vernon, New Rochelle, and Pelham Manor.

The Committee on the History of Presbytery presented a report, which was accepted and is as follows:

Receipts.

Churches and Individuals,	$323.85
Treasurer of Presbytery,	50.00
Total,	$373.85

Disbursements.

The Case, Lockwood & Brainard Co.,	$353.45
Expressage and postage,	6.09
Printing postal cards,	3.07
Repaid Presbytery,	11.24
	$373.85
Due Presbytery,	38.76

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The Committee on Presbyterial Visitation presented a report, which was accepted, and its recommendations adopted :

The following churches were visited during the past year: Port Chester, Yorktown, Dayspring, South East Centre, South Salem, Sing Sing, Greenwich 1st, Pleasantville, and Westminster.

The usual exercises of the day of prayer were held Tuesday, November 12, 1889, in the Westminster Church, Yorktown, N. Y.

The churches to be visited this year are Yonkers 1st, White Plains, Throgg's Neck, Thompsonville, Stamford 1st, South East, Pound Ridge, Irvington, New Rochelle, Darien, Huguenot Memorial, Gilead, Hartford, Greenburgh, Greenwich 1st, Croton Falls, Bridgeport, Katonah, Bedford, and Dayspring.

The Presbyterial Day of Prayer will be observed Tuesday, November 11th, in the First Church of Yonkers.

The announcement was made that the Pound Ridge Church had recently called Mr. George Cornwell, a licentiate of this Presbytery.

The Committee on Systematic Beneficence presented a report, which was accepted, and its recommendations were adopted :

1. That Sessions be enjoined to offer to the churches an opportunity to contribute annually to each Board of the church, unless there be exceptional reasons for not doing so.

2. That, in view of the decrease in the receipts of some of our Boards, our Sessions be urged to discourage the appeals of benevolent agencies outside of our own church, or for work carried on by our own missionaries outside of the estimates of the Boards, when such appeals would be to the detriment of the direct work for which our Boards are responsible.

3. "That every church member be earnestly advised in his Christian stewardship to adopt the practice of systematic proportionate giving as God hath prospered him."

The Committee to revise Standing Committees presented their report, which had been referred back to them yesterday. The report was adopted, and is as follows :

I. FOR EXAMINATION.

1. Religious Experience and Views in Seeking the Ministry. The Moderator.

2. Languages.

Ministers.— John E. Bushnell, J. Hendrik de Vries, Harris Ely Adrianee.

3. Philosophy, Astronomy, and Rhetoric.

Ministers.— John S. Allen, John S. Penman, John F. Lynn.

4. Systematic Theology.

Ministers.— J. Ritchie Smith, J. Aspinwall Hodge, Rollin A. Sawyer.

5. Church History, Government, and Sacraments. Fall Stated Meeting, October 8, 1890.

Ministers.— John Reid, Harris R. Schenck, Irving E. White.

II. WORK OF THE CHURCH.

1. Home Missions and Church Extension.

Ministers.— Richard P. H. Vail, John Reid, John H. Eastman, William B. Waller, Thornton M. Niven.
Elders.— Edward Wells, William H. Parsons, David F. Hollister, Thomas G. Ritch.

2. Foreign Missions.

Ministers.— J. Ritchie Smith, Arthur Requa, Theodore S. Pond.
Elders.— A. Noel Blakeman, Charles R. Otis.

3. Education.

Ministers.— J. Aspinwall Hodge, Addison K. Strong, Charles S. Lane.
Elders.— Oliver R. Willis, Benjamin Weed.

4. Publication and Sabbath-School Work.

Ministers.— Charles E. Allison, Robert P. Gibson, Manfred P. Welcher, John E. Bushnell, John H. Trussell, John S. Allen, James A. McWilliams.
Elders.— Theodore F. Brown, Milton Frost, George W. Banks, Frank R. Chambers, Clarence L. Reid, Edwin A. Slosson.

5. Church Erection.

Ministers.— Robert P. Gibson, Alexander Miller.
Elder.— Warren S. Paddock.

6. Ministerial Relief.

Minister.— Harris R. Schenck.
Elders— Henry M. Lester, Richard R. Tyers, Joseph Barrett, John C. Rockwell, John Watson.

7. Freedmen.

Ministers.— Manfred P. Welcher, Frederick A. M. Brown.
Elder.— John G. Clark.

8. Aid for Colleges.

Ministers.— Henry A. Davenport, John T. Wills.
Elder.— Ralph E. Prime.

9. Temperance.

Ministers.— Irving E. White, James H. Hoyt.
Elder.— Stanton Cady.

10. Systematic Beneficence.

Ministers.— William B. Waller, and chairmen of Committees 1–9.

11. Presbyterial Visitation.

Ministers.— William Hart Dexter, Henry A. Davenport.
Elder.— Edward F. Parsons.

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12. Manses.

Elders.— Sanford R. Knapp, William H. Foster, Enos Lee.

Invitation from Mt. Vernon Church for the Spring Stated Meeting of Presbytery was accepted.

The chairman of the Committee on Presbyterial Visitation was authorized to present a bill for printing, etc., to the Treasurer.

The Committee on Finance reported that they had examined the accounts and annual report of the Treasurer with vouchers, had found them correct, and recommend their approval. The report was adopted.

The Committee on Manses presented a verbal report, which was accepted.

The Committee on Leave of Absence presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

The committee had granted leave of absence to
Ministers.— John S. Penman, John Reid, James H. Hoyt, William B. Waller, Alexander Miller, Lewis H. Reid, Manfred P. Welcher, Richard P. H. Vail, Irving E. White, Robert B. Mattice.
Elders.— Richard R. Tyers, Charles R. Otis, James F. Kennard, Edwin A. Slosson, Morris E. Clinton, Louis S. Begent, John Irwin, John G. Clark, Hezekiah King, William E. Kenyon, George E. Hull, Henry Parsons, George W. Abrams.

Recess was taken until 7 P. M.

Wednesday, 7 P. M.

The Presbytery re-assembled, and after prayer, resumed business.

Moderators of Sessions of vacant churches were appointed as follows:

Rev. Harris R. Schenck, White Plains.
Rev. J. Hendrik de Vries, Westminster.
Rev. Robert B. Mattice, Throgg's Neck.
Rev. James H. Hoyt, Pound Ridge.
Rev. Robert P. Gibson, North Salem.
Rev. Frederick A. M. Brown, New Haven 1st.
Rev. John T. Wills, Port Chester.

The Sessions of vacant churches were authorized to supply their pulpits until the next Stated Meeting of Presbytery.

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The Treasurer was authorized to pay necessary expenses.

Rev. Messrs. Harris R. Schenck and John H. Eastman and Elder Sanford R. Knapp were appointed a committee to report at the January Intermediate Meeting, a plan to secure a more faithful attendance upon the meetings of Presbytery.

The Committee on Judicial Business reported that no papers had been referred to them.

The Committee to confer with a committee of the Presbytery of Boston in regard to the proposed Synod of New England was continued, and authorized to confer with any committee on this subject that the Synod of New York may appoint.

Rev. Talmon C. Perry received leave to withdraw from the Committee on Judicial Business, and Rev. W. Hart Dexter was appointed in his place.

A resolution of hearty thanks to the Yorktown Church for their generous hospitality, was unanimously adopted.

Minutes of to-day's sessions, up to the present time, were read and approved.

Elder Edward Wells, Clerk of Trustees of Presbytery, stated that a legacy of $1,000, less succession tax of five per cent., had been paid to Elder Thomas G. Ritch, Treasurer of Trustees.

A meeting in the interest of Ministerial Relief was held.

Elder William H. Parsons presided.

After devotional services the report of the Standing Committee was read.

Addresses were delivered by Elders William H. Parsons, Ralph E. Prime, and Edward Wells.

Business was then resumed.

The report of the Committee on Ministerial Relief was accepted, and its recommendations adopted. They are as follows:

1. Presbytery renews the appointment of the elders named on p. 139 of Minutes as a committee to co-operate with the Standing Committee. The Standing Committee is hereby authorized to make any necessary changes in the co-operating committee.

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2. We urge upon the elders more active fidelity "to see to it that every Church makes a contribution to this sacred cause."

The thanks of Presbytery were extended to the speakers of the evening.

Elder Ralph E. Prime was given an opportunity to make a statement with respect to the fund for the Bohemian Church.

The roll was called, and the following found to have withdrawn without leave:

Ministers.— Rollin A. Sawyer.
Elders.— Edward P. Bullard, Thoman F. Hope, Warren S. Paddock, Theodore F. Brown, James A. Shaw, Charles H. Randall, John Miller, Jr.

Minutes of to-day's sessions, not previously read, were read and approved.

Adjourned to meet in the Presbyterian Mission, 53 Fifth Avenue, New York City, January 20, 1891.

Closed with prayer and the benediction.

W. J. CUMMING,
Stated Clerk.

J. H. EASTMAN,
Permanent Clerk.

OFFICERS OF PRESBYTERY.

Moderator — Rev. John H. Trussell, Brewsters, N. Y.; Stated Clerk and Treasurer — Rev. William J. Cumming, Yorktown, N. Y.; Permanent Clerk — John H. Eastman, Katonah, N. Y.

TRUSTEES.

Ministers.— Rollin A. Sawyer, Richard P. H. Vail, Thornton M. Niven, John E. Bushnell.

Elders.— Edward Wells (Clerk), Uriah Hill, William H. Parsons, Thomas G. Ritch (Treasurer), Benjamin Weed.

New York City, January 20, 1891.

Intermediate Meeting, January 20, 1891.

The Presbytery of Westchester met, pursuant to adjournment, in the Presbyterian Mission House, 53 Fifth avenue, New York City, Tuesday, January 20, 1891, at 10.30 A. M., and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator, Rev. John H. Trussell.

The roll was called and the following found to be present:

Ministers.	*Churches.*	*Elders.*
Lewis H. Reid,		
J. Aspinwall Hodge,	Hartford.	
Rollin A. Sawyer,		
Thornton M. Niven,	Greenburgh,	Richard R. Tyers.
Frederick A. M. Brown,	New Haven 1st,	George Petrie.
John T. Wills,	Greenwich 1st,	
Alexander Miller,	Mahopac Falls,	
Richard P. H. Vail,	Stamford 1st,	
Robert P. Gibson,	Croton Falls,	
John Reid,	Yonkers 1st,	Hezekiah King.
	Bridgeport 1st,	Frank N. Marsh.
	New Rochelle,	William S. Lyon.
John H. Eastman,	Katonah,	
Willis W. Dowd,		
J. Ritchie Smith,	Peekskill 1st,	Sanford R. Knapp.
James H. Hoyt,	Bedford,	
William J. Cumming,	Yorktown,	
Charles E. Allison,	Dayspring,	
John H. Trussell,	S. E. Centre,	
Robert B. Mattice,	Throgg's Neck,	Charles H. Randall.
Manfred P. Welcher,	South Salem,	George E. Hull.
Harris R. Schenck,	Mt. Kisco,	David E. Smith.
Charles S. Lane,	Mt. Vernon 1st,	
	Rye,	Henry Parsons.
James A. McWilliams,	Sing Sing,	Stanton Cady.
John S. Allen,	Patterson,	
W. Hart Dexter,	Thompsonville,	
Arthur Requa,	Darien,	
George R. Cutting,	Westminster,	John H. Brown.
J. Hendrik de Vries,		
Harris Ely Adriance,	Hug. Mem'l,	
	White Plains,	Edwin A. Slosson.
	Gilead,	Samuel G. Cornish.
28		14

Total present,..... 42

Ministers absent. — Elias S. Schenck, Isaac S. Davison, Chauncey D. Rice, Addison K. Strong, Daniel N. Freeland, Hugh A. McKelvey, Charles E. Lindsley, Wilson Phraner, David Murdoch, William Life, Talmon C. Perry, Andrew B. Morse, Edward T. Bromfield, Addison D. Madeira, Edward B. Allen, David A. Holbrook, Henry M. Baird, Homer S. Newcomb, Theodore S. Pond, Christopher R. Brown, Charles H. Riggs, Marcellus Bowen, Henry A. Davenport, William B. Waller,

R. Randall Hoes, Charles E. Upson, William K. Eddy, Irving E. White, Charles B. Fagnani, Franklin B. Dwight, John E. Bushnell, James G. Rodger, John S. Penman, John F. Lynn, Stanley K. Phraner. — 35.

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Churches not represented. — Hartford, South East, Greenwich 1st, Mahopac Falls, Stamford 1st, Croton Falls, Katonah, Bedford, Yorktown, Dayspring, South East Centre, Peekskill 2d, Mt. Vernon 1st, Patterson, Thompsonville, Darien, Irvington, Pleasantville, Huguenot Memorial, Pound Ridge, North Salem, Port Chester. — 22.

Excused for absence. — Rev. Messrs. Addison K. Strong, Andrew B. Morse, John E. Bushnell.

Corresponding Member. — Rev. Edward P. Hammond of the Presbytery of New York.

Rev. James G. Rodger was, at his own request, granted a letter of dismission to the Edinburgh Presbytery of the Free Church of Scotland.

A communication from Rev. L. Merrill Miller, Chairman of Committee on Synodical Aid of the Synod of New York, was read, and, on motion, referred to the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension.

The Moderator announced the following committees:

Sessional Records.

Church.	*Minister.*	*Elder.*
New Haven 1st,	James A. McWilliams,	Sanford R. Knapp.
South Salem,	Harris Ely Adriance,	William S. Lyon.

The committee to install Rev. George R. Cutting as pastor of the Westminster Church of Yonkers, N. Y., reported the discharge of the duty at the time and by the persons appointed (p. 194). The report was accepted.

The committee appointed to report a plan to secure a more faithful attendance upon the meetings of Presbytery (p. 199) presented a report, which was accepted.

The recommendations were taken up *seriatim*, and Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 were adopted.

The report as a whole was recommitted, with instructions to report with regard to time and place of meetings of Presbytery.

The committee appointed to arrange for the installation of Rev. Frederick A. M. Brown as pastor of the First

Church of New Haven, Conn. (page 179), presented report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

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Time. — (to be determined later by the committee). To preside and propound the constitutional questions, the Moderator. To preach the sermon, Rev. John Hall of the Presbytery of New York, to be invited; alternate, Rev. John Reid. To charge the pastor, Rev. Henry A. Davenport; alternate, Rev. Charles S. Lane. To charge the people, Rev. J. Aspinwall Hodge; alternate, William B. Waller.

The death of Elder G. Livingstone Morse of the First Church of Yonkers, N. Y., on January 12, was announced.

Moderator of Sessions of vacant church was appointed as follows:

Rev. Robert P. Gibson, Gilead.

The chairman of committee appointed to consider and report on overture on Deaconnesses (p. 194) made a verbal report in the absence of the written report. Report was laid on the table for the present.

The Committee on Education reported that Charles Dillon, who was recommended to the Board for aid (p. 115), had received an appropriation, part of which, on account of the failure of his eyes, had been returned to the Board, but a balance of $10 had been retained in hopes that he might be able to resume his studies. There being no probability of this at present, the Committee was authorized to return the balance to the Board.

Benjamin W. Labaree of the Hartford Church was received under the care of the Presbytery as a candidate for the ministry, having by letter stated the facts in regard to his Christian experience and motives for seeking the ministry.

He was given permission to prosecute his studies for the present at the Hartford Seminary, and was recommended to the Board of Education for aid.

Committees on Sessional Records of the New Haven First and South Salem Churches reported, recommending their approval. Adopted.

The consideration of the General Assembly's overtures on Deaconnesses (Minutes of G. A., 1890, p. 121) was

then resumed, and, on motion, both overtures were answered in the negative.

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The Committee on Leave of Absence presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

The committee had granted leave of absence to:
Ministers. — John Reid, John T. Wills.
Elder. — John H. Brown.

The announcement was made of the serious illness of Elder William H. Parsons of the Rye Church, and Presbytery was led in prayer in his behalf by Rev. Rollin A. Sawyer.

Minutes were read, and, after correction, approved.

Adjourned to meet in the First Presbyterian Church, Mt. Vernon, N. Y., Tuesday, April 21, 1891.

Closed with prayer and the benediction.

W. J. CUMMING,
Stated Clerk.

J. H. EASTMAN,
Permanent Clerk.

MT. VERNON, N. Y., April 21, 1891.

Spring Stated Meeting, April 21, 1891.

The Presbytery of Westchester met, pursuant to adjournment, in the First Presbyterian Church, Mt. Vernon, N. Y., Tuesday, April 21, 1891, at 3 P. M., and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator, Rev. John H. Trussell.

The roll was called and the following were found to be present:

Ministers.	*Churches.*	*Elders.*
Charles E. Lindsley,		
Wilson Phraner,		
David Murdoch (2),		
Lewis H. Reid,		
J. Aspinwall Hodge,	Hartford,	W. Howard Stockwell.
Thornton M. Niven (2),	Greenburgh,	Jas. B. Carpenter (2).
Fred. A. M. Brown (2),	New Haven 1st,	George Petrie (2).
John T. Wills,	Greenwich 1st,	Edwin A. Knapp (2).
Alexander Miller,	Mahopac Falls,	Robert W. Lounsbury.
	Stamford 1st,	Clarence L. Reid.
Robert P. Gibson,	Croton Falls,	George W. Abrams.
John Reid (2),	Yonkers 1st,	Ralph E. Prime.
Henry A. Davenport (2),	Bridgeport 1st,	David F. Hollister.
William B. Waller,	New Rochelle.	
John H. Eastman,	Katonah.	
Charles E. Upson,		
J. Ritchie Smith,	Peekskill 1st,	William Mabie.
James H. Hoyt,	Bedford,	David Travis.
William J. Cumming,	Yorktown,	Henry White.
Charles E. Allison (2),	Dayspring,	William Smith (2).
John H. Trussell,	S. E. Centre.	
Richard B. Mattice,	Throggs Neck,	John F. Barnecott (2).
Irving E. White,	Peekskill 2d,	Morris E. Clinton.
Harris R. Schenck,	Mt. Kisco,	Ebenezer G. Platt (2).
Charles Fagnani (2),		
Charles P. Lane,	Mt. Vernon 1st,	John Irwin.
John E. Bushnell (2),	Rye,	Henry Parsons.
James A. McWilliams,	Sing Sing,	John F. Miller.
John S. Allen,	Patterson,	Orson W. Sloat (2).
W. Hart Dexter,	Thompsonville,	
Arthur Requa,	Darien,	Sands Bishop (2).
George R. Cutting,	Westminster,	Charles R. Otis.
John S. Penman (2),	Irvington.	
J. Hendrik de Vries.		
John F. Lynn,	Pleasantville,	Willet C. Brown.
Harris Ely Adriance,	Hug. Mem'l,	Joseph K. Johnson (2).
	White Plains,	Oliver R. Willis.
	Pound Ridge,	John C. Rockwell.
	Port Chester,	John Miller, Jr. (2).
	Gilead,	William H. Foster.
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Total present,.....63

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Ministers absent.— Elias S. Schenck, Isaac S. Davison, Chauncey D. Rice, Addison K. Strong, Daniel N. Freeland, Hugh A. McKelvey, William Life, Talmon C. Perry, Andrew B. Morse, Rollin A. Sawyer, Edward T. Bromfield, Addison D. Madeira, Edward B. Allen, David A. Holbrook, Henry M. Baird, Homer S. Newcomb, Theodore S. Pond, Christopher R. Brown, Charles H. Riggs, Richard P. H. Vail, Marcellus Bowen, R. Randall Hoes, Willis W. Dowd, William K. Eddy, Manfred P. Welcher, Franklin B. Dwight, Stanley K. Phraner.— 27.

Churches not represented. — South East, New Rochelle, Katonah, South East Centre, South Salem, Thompsonville, Irvington, North Salem.— 8.

Excused for absence from this meeting.— Addison K. Strong, Theodore S. Pond, Richard P. H. Vail, Andrew B. Morse, Henry M. Baird, Rollin A. Sawyer.

Excused for lateness.— Elder John F. Barnecott.

Excused for absence from the Fall Stated Meeting.—Robert P. Gibson, Charles E. Upson, Charles P. Fagnani.

Excused for absence from the January Intermediate Meeting.— Charles E. Lindsley, Theodore S. Pond, Wilson Phraner, Charles E. Upson, Charles P. Fagnani.

Corresponding Members.— Rev. William Blake of the New York East Conference, Rev. George W. F. Birch of the Presbytery of New York, Rev. E. T. Hiscox of the N. Y. Southern Baptist Association.

Rev. J. Hendrik de Vries was elected Moderator.

Elder Ralph E. Prime was elected Temporary Clerk.

The Committee of Arrangements presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, 9–10 A.M., Rev. Arthur Requa, Leader; Business Sessions, 10 A. M. to 12.30 P. M., and 2.30 to 5.30 P. M.; Evening Meetings, Tuesday 8 P. M., Sermon by retiring Moderator, Rev. John H. Trussell, to be followed by the reading of the Narrative; Wednesday, 8 P. M., discussion on the question: "On what Common Ground can the Enemies of the Saloon Unite for Definite, Practical Action?" To be led by Rev. Irving E. White. Addresses by Rev. Messrs. Charles E. Allison, J. Aspinwall Hodge, and John H. Eastman.

A communication from Princeton Theological Seminary in regard to candidates of this Presbytery pursuing their studies there, was referred to the Committee on Education.

A communication from Rev. J. K. Wight in regard to Rev. Anthony R. Macoubrey's relation to the Presbytery of East Florida was referred to the Committee on Judicial Business.

A communication from Rev. James N. Crocker, Synodical Superintendent, was referred to the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension.

The hearing of reports from visitation committees was made the second order for Wednesday afternoon.

The Committee on Minutes of the Synod presented a report which was accepted, and is as follows: Spring Stated Meeting. April 21, 1891.

Six Ministers and four Elders attended the sessions. Two Ministers appeared the second day and one Elder the third day. Two Ministers and one Elder were excused before the Synod adjourned, and one Minister left unexcused.

Attention is called to the following action:

1. Negative answer to overture concerning a New England Synod, p. 24.
2. Hamilton College Scholarships, p. 32.
3. "The Church at Home and Abroad," p. 44.
4. Death of Rev. Charles C. Wallace, p. 44.
5. Records of Presbyteries, p. 47–49.

The Committee to report a plan to secure more faithful attendance upon the meetings of Presbytery (p. 202) reported, recommending that no action be taken in regard to the matter of time and place of meetings of Presbytery referred to. Adopted.

The report, as a whole, was then taken up. A substitute was offered, and, on motion, the report and the substitute were referred to the committee, enlarged by the addition of the Stated Clerk.

On motion, this business was made the third order for Wednesday morning.

Rev. John H. Trussell reported that Rev. Frederick A. M. Brown was installed pastor of the First Church of New Haven, Conn., March 19th, in accordance with the arrangements of Presbytery.

The committee (p. 194) to whom was referred the General Assembly's overture on "Constitutional Changes" (Minutes, G. A., 1890, pp. 63, 64) reported, recommending that it be answered in the affirmative. Adopted.

The Moderater announced the following committees:

I. Bills and Overtures.

Ministers.— John H. Trussell, William B. Waller, Harris R Schenck.
Elders.— David F. Hollister, John Irwin.

II. Judicial Business.

Ministers.— J. Aspinwall Hodge, J. Ritchie Smith, Robert P. Gibson.
Elders.— Henry Parsons, Ralph E. Prime.

III. Leave of Absence.

Minister.—William J. Cumming.
Elder.—Ralph E. Prime.

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An invitation for the Fall Stated Meeting from the Bridgeport First Church was accepted, with thanks.

The June Intermediate Meeting was appointed to be held in New York city, and arrangements as to place and hour were referred to the Stated, Permanent, and Temporary Clerks.

The Treasurer was authorized to pay necessary bills.

The action making reports of visitation committees the second order for Wednesday afternoon was rescinded, and such reports were called for at this time.

Reports were received from committees visiting New Rochelle, Darien, Gilead, Greenburgh, Peekskill 2d, Thompsonville, Mt. Kisco, also from the churches visited. The reports were accepted.

The expenses of the Committee on Presbyterial Visitation were ordered paid by the Treasurer of Presbytery.

Moderators of Sessions of vacant churches were appointed as follows:

Rev. Harris R. Schenck, White Plains.
Rev. James H. Hoyt, Bedford.
Rev. Robert P. Gibson, North Salem.
Rev. John T. Willis, Port Chester.
Rev. Robert P. Gibson, Gilead.

Announcement was made of the death of Elder James Biggerstaff of the Westminster Church, Yonkers, N. Y., on March 19, 1891.

Recess was taken until 8 P. M.

Closed with prayer.

Tuesday, 8 P. M.

The Presbytery re-assembled.

The retiring Moderator, Rev. John H. Trussell, preached a sermon from John 12: 21, "Sir, we would see Jesus."

The Commmittee on the Narrative presented their report. It was adopted and it was ordered that an abstract be sent to the General Assembly. It is as follows:

Spring Stated Meeting April, 21, 1891.

I. Public Worship.

All our churches have been regularly supplied with preaching during the past year save one. An encouraging and generally an increased attendance is reported, and the children and youth of the church are generally in attendance.

II. Sabbath-Schools.

Our Sabbath-schools are in a prosperous condition and some have greatly increased their membership, one having doubled and another adding 50 per cent. during the year. In nearly all the schools the Shorter Catechism is taught, and all but one use the Westminster Lesson Helps. Several churches have mission schools. There are, in all, nine such schools. Other churches unite with other denominations in union mission work. These works are all encouraging and some very fruitful. One mission reports twenty conversions.

III. Meetings for Prayer.

All the churches observe the usual mid-week service for prayer and conference. Twenty-six churches have Young People's Societies also, and many have in addition, weekly or monthly Ladies' Prayer Meetings Eighteen churches observe the monthly concert of prayer for missions and report these meetings full of interest and profit.

IV. Family Religion.

With only one or two exceptions, Christian parents are reported faithful in presenting their children for baptism, and the people are faithfully instructed in this matter. The obligation of family worship and Christian training are urged in public and private. The number of baptized children admitted to the sacrament of the Lord's Supper does show that God honors His covenant with parents.

V. Benevolence.

Many of our churches do not contribute regularly to all our Boards. But there is improvement in this matter. Only one church reports lack of growth in giving. Many are largely increasing their contributions. Most of our Sabbath-schools do not regularly contribute to benevolent objects. The poor of the church are few, but are well provided for. There is some organization for Woman's Work in every church. These embrace all departments of church work from pastoral aid to home and foreign missions, and they are all reported as being full of encouragement in the interest and results reached.

VI. Revivals.

Three churches formally report revival seasons—Sing Sing, Mt. Kisco, Bridgeport 1st. The first reports 55 conversions, the second 20, the third 78. Other churches not formally reporting revival seasons report many additions on confession of faith. How many there have been in all the Presbytery it is not possible to tell, because of the inadequacy of the reports.

VII. Watch and Care.

The church Sessions have been faithful and diligent in the oversight of their respective flocks.

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VIII. Miscellaneous.

All the financial obligations have been met with fidelity. Generally no unusual obstructions to the progress of religion are reported. Here and there local hindrances are reported. The chief emphasis is laid upon the traffic in intoxicating drink. Few of our churches as such are doing anything in the line of public movements for moral reform, but many of our people are interested in Temperance movements, and such like, as citizens and members of societies.

Adjourned until 9 A. M. to-morrow.

Closed with prayer.

Wednesday, April 22, 1891.

The Presbytery met at 9 A. M. and spent an hour in devotional service led by Rev. Arthur Requa.

After prayer by the Moderator the roll was called and the following, not present yesterday, answered to their names:

Ministers.—David Murdoch, Thornton M. Niven, Frederick A. M. Brown, John Reid, Henry A. Davenport, Charles E. Allison, Charles P. Fagnani, John E. Bushnell, John S. Penman.—9.

Elders.—James B. Carpenter, George Petrie, Edwin A. Knapp, William Smith, John F. Barnecott, Ebenezer G. Platt, Orson W. Sloat, Sands Bishop, Joseph K. Johnson, John Miller, Jr.—10.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

The following were nominated for commissioners to the General Assembly:

Ministers.—Robert P. Gibson, John H. Eastman, Harris R. Schenck, Wilson Phraner, John Reid, W. Hart Dexter, James A. McWilliams.

Elders.—A. Noel Blakeman, Ralph E. Prime, William H. Foster, William Mabie, John G. Clark, Morris E. Clinton, John P. Truesdell, David F. Hollister.

The second order of the day, the examination of candidates, was then taken up.

Mr. Henry R. White was received as a candidate for the Gospel ministry under the care of the Presbytery by certificate from the Presbytery of New York.

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Mr. Frederick J. Perkins was received under the care of the Presbytery as a licentiate on certificate, from the Worcester (Mass.) Central Association of Congregational Ministers.

Messrs. Henry R. White and Robert R. White were presented by the Committee on Education for examination for licensure.

Their college diplomas were received in lieu of an examination in Philosophy, Astronomy, and Rhetoric.

Pending the examination a communication was referred to the Committee on Judicial Business.

The candidates were then examined in Systematic Theology, Church History, Church Government, and Sacraments.

Mr. George F. Danforth of the Middle Class of Yale Theological Seminary and a member of the First Presbyterian Church of New Haven, Conn., was received under the care of the Presbytery as a candidate for the ministry after examination by the Moderator on his religious experience and views in seeking the ministry.

He was also recommended to the Board of Education for the usual amount of aid.

An overture to the General Assembly in regard to the teaching of Presbyterian doctrine in Presbyterian Theological Seminaries was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

The Committee to which was committed the report on plan to secure more faithful attendance upon the meetings of Presbytery and the substitute offered yesterday (p. 207). The recommendations were taken up seriatim, and resolutions 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 after amendment were adopted. The report as a whole was then adopted. It is as follows:

WHEREAS, The attendance on the meetings of Presbytery is often so small as to seriously delay and prevent the transaction of business in which all should be interested, therefore—

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Resolved 1, That Presbytery reminds ministers and elders of the importance of the business with which it is charged, and the necessity and duty on part of all its members of prompt and continued attendance on all the sessions.

Resolved 2, That the Presbytery reminds the Sessions of our churches of the obligation to be represented at all its meetings, enjoins upon them to this end to appoint only those as principals and alternates, so far as possible, who are able and willing to attend all the sessions promptly and faithfully, and to call upon delegates for a report of their attendance, and urges upon them the propriety of paying the necessary expenses of both delegates and pastors.

Resolved 3, That in case a minister is absent for one year without being excused, or a church is unrepresented by an elder for the same period, it shall be the duty of the Stated Clerk to call the attention of the minister or church Session to such delinquency, and to the fact that such absentees are liable to censure therefor, and to report the same to Presbytery.

Resolved 4, That the Stated Clerk be directed to communicate to all Ministers and church Sessions the above action.

Resolved 5, That the Stated Clerk be authorized to incur such expenses for printing and postage as may be necessary to carry into effect the above directions of Presbytery.

Recess was taken until 2.30 P. M.

Closed with prayer.

Wednesday, 2.30 P. M.

Presbytery met after recess.

The Moderator appointed Rev. William B. Waller and Elder Orson W. Sloat tellers of ballots for ministers as commissioners to the General Assembly.

The Committee on Languages reported the examination of the candidates in languages and recommended their approval. Adopted.

The Committee on Philosophy, Astronomy, and Rhetoric reported the examination of the sermons and lectures of the candidates, and recommended their approval.

The Committee on Education reported that candidate William J. Millar has been obliged to give up his purpose of studying for the ministry on account of the condition of his eyes, and recommended that his name be dropped from the list of candidates. Adopted.

The Committee on Languages reported favorably on the trial pieces of candidates. Adopted.

Rev. Charles E. Allison and Elder George W. Abrams were appointed tellers of ballots for elders as commissioners to the General Assembly. Spring Stated Meeting, April 22, 1891.

Pursuant to Rule 34, the names of ministers not pastors were called, and Rev. Messrs. Charles E. Lindsley, Wilson Phraner, David Murdoch, Lewis H. Reid, Richard B. Mattice, and Charles P. Fagnani made answer concerning their labors during the past year.

The Stated Clerk was directed to communicate with those ministers not pastors, who have not reported, and remind them of the rule requiring this annual report, either in person or writing.

The tellers presented their reports and the following were declared elected commissioners to the General Assembly:

PRINCIPALS.

Ministers.	*Elders.*
Robert P. Gibson,	A. Noel Blakeman,
John H. Eastman,	William H. Foster,
W. Hart Dexter,	David F. Hollister.

ALTERNATES.

Harris R. Schenck,	William Mabie,
Wilson Phraner,	Morris E. Clinton,
James A. McWilliams,	John P. Truesdell.

The Committee on Education presented its report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

1. John G. Lovell, licensed April 16, 1890, dismissed to the Presbytery of Albany, June 17, 1890.
2. Nicholas Schmeckenbecher at Hamilton College.
3. Samuel C. Hodge, licensed April 16, 1890, graduates at Princeton Theological Seminary this year, and intends to go to Europe for a year's study.
4. Nathan F. Van Horson, at Princeton College.
5. Robert Irwin MacBride, Princeton Theological Seminary, Junior Class.
6. Benjamin W. Labaree, Hartford Theological Seminary.
7. Frederick J. Perkins, Hartford Theological Seminary, Senior Class, received April 22, 1891, as a licentiate from the Worcester (Mass.) Central Association.
8. Henry R. White, Union Theological Seminary, Senior Class, received as a candidate, and licensed April 22, 1891, has been called to the Gilead Church at Carmel, N. Y.

9. George F. Danforth, Yale Theological Seminary, Middle Class, expects to go to Princeton Theological Seminary.

10. William J. Millar, his health requires him to give up his purpose to study for the ministry, name dropped April 22, 1891.

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11. Robert R. White, Union Theological Seminary, Middle Class, licensed April 22, 1891.

12. O. Edward Loe, Yale Theological Seminary, expects to enter the ministry of the Congregational Church. It is recommended that his name be dropped from the roll.

13. Hugh Lenox Hodge, licensed June 12, 1888, now in Europe.

14. Richard Morse Hodge, licensed June 12, 1888, dismissed to Presbytery of Milwaukee, August 8, 1890, and was ordained by that body September, 1890.

15. James W. Dow, licensed April 20, 1887, has been laboring at Sydney, Australia; now at Toronto, Canada.

16. Arthur Davies, Yale Theological Seminary, licensed by a Congregational Association. It is recommended that his name be dropped from the roll.

17. Charles L. Carhart, licensed April 17, 1889, dismissed to the Presbytery of Duluth, June 24, 1890, now laboring at Buffalo, N. Y.

18. George Cornwell, licensed April 16, 1890, Union Theological Seminary, Senior Class, under appointment of the Foreign Board, will act as stated supply for a year at Pound Ridge.

19. Charles Dillon, his eyes require him to relinquish his studies for the present.

A call for the pastoral services of Henry R. White from the Gilead Church was presented. Elder William H. Foster, and Mr. C. B. Travis were heard as commissioners from the congregation. The call was found in order.

Candidates, Henry R. White and Robert R. White, then preached a portion of their sermons before the Presbytery.

The roll was called and the examination, as a whole, sustained.

The candidates were then duly licensed to preach the Gospel in accordance with the provisions of the form of government, Chapter XV.

The call of the Gilead Church was then placed in the hands of Mr. Henry R. White, who signified his acceptance of the same.

Rev. Robert P. Gibson and Elder William H. Foster were appointed as a committee to confer with Mr. White, and the Session to make the arrangements for the ordination and installation.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported on the overture referred to them (p. 211), recommending that it be adopted. After discussion the overture was withdrawn, and a substitute was offered which was adopted and ordered to be sent to the General Assembly. It is as follows : Spring Stated Meeting, April 22, 1891.

The Presbytery of Westchester hereby respectfully overtures the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, to take such appropriate action as may seem necessary at this time to assure the teaching of Presbyterian doctrines in Presbyterian Theological Seminaries.

The session was extended fifteen minutes.

The Committee to arrange for the ordination and installation of Licentiate Henry R. White as pastor of the Gilead Church, presented a report which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

That when Presbytery adjourn, it adjourn to meet in the Gilead Church, Carmel, N. Y., Tuesday, June 9, 1891, at 7 P. M. To preside and propound the constitutional questions, the Moderator. Sermon, Rev. Alexander Miller; alternate, Rev. J. Ritchie Smith. Charge to the Pastor, Rev. John H. Eastman; alternate, Rev. Robert P. Gibson. Charge to the People, Rev. James H. Hoyt; alternate, Rev. John H. Trussell.

A call was presented from the Pound Ridge Church for the pastoral services of Licentiate George Cornwell. Elder John C. Rockwell was heard as commissioner from the church, also Rev. James H. Hoyt, the moderator of the session.

Mr. Cornwell stated that he was under appointment of the Board of Foreign Missions to go to the foreign field, and that he was willing to act as stated supply of the Pound Ridge Church for one year. He also made application to be ordained *sine titulo*.

The call was found in order and laid on the table.

The application for ordination was granted, and Rev. James H. Hoyt and Elder John C. Rockwell were appointed to make the arrangements.

Recess was taken until 7.30 P. M.

Wednesday, 7.30 P. M.

Presbytery met after recess.

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The Committee on Judicial Business presented a report upon communication from Rev. J. K. Wight, Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of East Florida referred to them (p. 206).

It was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Judicial Business has carefully examined the paper from the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of East Florida, listened to the statements of the Elder of the Church at White Plains. We understand also, that the Board of Home Missions feel that it is important for several reasons, that Rev. Anthony R. Macoubrey remain for a short time longer in connection with the Presbytery of East Florida. The condition of the church at White Plains has caused the Presbytery great anxiety. The irregular and uncertain relation between Mr. Macoubrey and the church should not continue. Under the peculiar circumstances your committee recommend —

1. That the call, which was voted two years ago, should be presented to Presbytery at the Intermediate Meeting.
2. That in the meantime the Session be authorized to supply the pulpit.
3. That the Session be reminded that Rev. Harris R. Schenck has been appointed by Presbytery as Moderator of the Session, and that it is not legal for a member of another Presbytery to act as Moderator.
4. That a certified copy of this paper be sent to the Clerk of the Session of the White Plains Church.

The Committee also recommend with reference to the second paper referred to them (p. 211), that it is unnecessary and inexpedient to make any answer to the paper, and that the stated clerk return it to the writer.

The Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension presented a report which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

1. That the First Church of New Haven, Conn., be recommended to the Board of Home Missions for $500 for the coming year, in the expectation that the amount asked for will be materially reduced the next year.
2. That the Church at Pound Ridge, N. Y., be recommended to the Synodical Aid Fund for $200.
3. Application was also received from the Pleasantville Church for the same amount as last year, $250. It appearing that the church has paid only a portion of the $500 promised for the year ending May 15th, the committee recommend that a communication be sent to the church that it will be impossible to endorse the application until this deficiency be provided for.

On motion, the Treasurer of the Trustees of Presbytery, Elder Thomas G. Ritch, was directed to pay $50 to Rev. John F. Lynn from the income of the Carson W. Adams' Trust.

On motion, Rev. Messrs. John H. Eastman and Harris R. Schenck and Elder George W. Abrams were appointed a committee to visit the Pleasantville Church in regard to the matter referred to in the report of the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension. Spring Stated Meeting, April 22, 1891.

Wednesday, 8 P. M.

Presbytery met in the church, and under the auspices of the Committee on Temperance, Rev. Irving E. White presiding. There was a public discussion of the question, "On what common ground can the enemies of the saloon unite for definite, practical action?"

Addresses were made by Rev. Messrs. Charles E. Allison, J. Aspinwall Hodge, and John H. Eastman.

Business was resumed.

The committee appointed to arrange for the ordination of Licentiate George Cornwell, presented a report which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

That Presbytery meet at Pound Ridge, Thursday, June 18, 1891, at 7 P. M. To preside and propound the constitutional questions, the Moderator. Sermon, Rev. Richard P. H. Vail; alternate, Rev. Harris R. Schenck. Charge, Rev. William J. Cumming; alternate, Rev. John H. Eastman. Ordaining prayer, Rev. James H. Hoyt; alternate, Rev. Manfred P. Welcher.

The Committee on Church Erection reported, recommending the Throggs Neck Church for a loan of $500 from the Manse Fund of the Board of Church Erection. Adopted.

The Committee on Leave of Absence presented a report which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee had granted leave of absence to —

Ministers.— Charles E. Upson, James A. McWilliams, John E. Bushnell, John S. Penman, Frederick A. M. Brown, John Reid, Lewis H. Reid, Thornton M. Niven, Charles P. Fagnani, Charles E. Lindsley, William B. Waller, David Murdoch, John T. Wills, Henry A. Davenport.

Elders.— John C. Rockwell, Ebenezer G. Platt, Robert W. Lounsbury, John F. Barnecott, George Petrie, Edwin A. Knapp, James B. Carpenter, Oliver R. Willis, Charles R. Otis, David F. Hollister, Henry Parsons, David Travis.

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The roll was called, and the following were found to have withdrawn without leave:

Minister.— J. S. Allen.

Elders.— Clarence L. Reid, Morris E. Clinton, Orson W. Sloat, Sands Bishop, Joseph K. Johnson, John Miller, Jr.

The following resolution was adopted:

Presbytery cordially thanks the pastor and people of the Mt. Vernon Church for their generous hospitality, and prays God for their abounding prosperity.

The minutes of to-day's session were read and approved.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet at Carmel, N. Y., Tuesday, June 9, 1891, at 7 P. M.

Closed with prayer and the benediction.

W. J. CUMMING,
Stated Clerk.

J. H. EASTMAN,
Permanent Clerk.

OFFICERS OF THE PRESBYTERY.

Moderator — J. Hendrick de Vries, Yonkers, N. Y.; Stated Clerk and Treasurer — Rev. William J. Cumming, Yorktown, N. Y.; Permanent Clerk — John H. Eastman, Katonah, N. Y.

TRUSTEES.

Ministers — Rollin A. Sawyer, Richard P. H. Vail, Thornton M. Niven, John E. Bushnell.

Elders — Edward Wells (Clerk), Uriah Hill, William H. Parsons, Thomas G. Ritch (Treasurer), Benjamin Weed.

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1891.

Churches,	36	Added on Examination,	354
Sunday-schools,	45	Added on Certificate,	324
Ministers,	64	Total Communicants,	7,170
Licentiates,	10	Adults Baptized,	138
Candidates,	7	Infants Baptized,	204
Elders,	147	Sunday-school Membership	6,548
Deacons,	52		

Spring Stated Meeting, April 22, 1891.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Home Missions,	$15,097	Synodical Aid Fund,	628
Foreign Missions,	10,697	Aid for Colleges,	567
Education,	944	General Assembly,	1,000
Publication,	1,713	Congregational,	150,062
Church Erection,	1,148	American Bible Society,	566
Relief Fund,	2,385	Miscellaneous,	12,740
Freedmen,	848		
Total,			$198,395

CARMEL, N. Y., June 9, 1891.

Adjourned Meeting. June 9, 1891.

The Presbytery of Westchester met, pursuant to adjournment, in the Gilead Presbyterian Church, Carmel, N. Y., Tuesday, June 9, 1891, at 7 P. M., and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator, Rev. J. Hendrik de Vries.

The roll was called and the following found to be present:

Ministers.	*Churches.*	*Elders.*
Alexander Miller,	Mahopac Falls.	
John H. Eastman,	Katonah.	
James H. Hoyt,	Bedford,	David Travis.
John H. Trussell,	S. E. Centre.	
J. Hendrik de Vries.		
	Gilead,	William H. Foster.
5		2
Total present,.....		7

Corresponding Members — Rev. E. W. Stone of the Carmel Baptist Church, Rev. E. R. A. Hiss of the New York Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and Rev. J. W. Weibel of the Diocese of New York of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

Licentiate Henry R. White presented himself for ordination.

On motion his recent examination for licensure (p. 214) was accepted in place of a special examination for ordination.

It was then resolved to proceed at once to the ordination and installation.

After devotional services a sermon was preached by Rev. Alexander Miller, from the text, Prov. 4: 18 — "The path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day."

After stating the action of Presbytery (p. 215) and propounding the constitutional questions, the prayer of ordination and installation was made by the Moderator, Rev. J. Hendrik de Vries.

The charge to the pastor was then given by Rev. John H. Eastman, and the charge to the people by Rev. James H. Hoyt.

The benediction was pronounced by the newly installed pastor.

Adjourned Meeting, June 9, 1891.

On motion it was ordered that Mr. White's name be enrolled.

The minutes were read and approved.

The Presbytery then adjourned to meet in the Mission House, 53 Fifth Avenue, New York, Tuesday, June 16, 1891, at 10.30 A. M.

Closed with prayer.

W. J. CUMMING,
Stated Clerk.

J. H. EASTMAN,
Permanent Clerk.

NEW YORK CITY, June 16, 1891.

Intermediate Meeting, June 16, 1891.

The Presbytery met pursuant to appointment in the Mission House, 53 Fifth Ave., New York City, Tuesday, June 16, 1891, at 10.30 A. M., and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator, Rev. J. Hendrik de Vries.

The roll was called and the following found to be present:

Ministers.	*Churches.*	*Elders.*
Wilson Phraner.		
J. Aspinwall Hodge,	Hartford.	
Thornton M. Niven,	Greenburgh,	Richard R. Tyers.
Alexander Miller,	Mahopac Falls.	
Richard P. H. Vail,	Stamford 1st,	Moses M. Hobby.
John Reid,	Yonkers 1st,	Ralph E. Prime.
	Bridgeport 1st,	Frank W. Marsh.
William B. Waller,	New Rochelle.	
John H. Eastman,	Katonah.	
Willis W. Dowd.		
	Peekskill 1st,	William Mabie.
James H. Hoyt,	Bedford,	David Travis.
William J. Cumming,	Yorktown.	
John H. Trussell,	S. E. Centre.	
	Throggs Neck,	Charles H. Randall.
Irving E. White,	Peekskill 2d.	
Harris R. Schenck,	Mt. Kisco,	George Banks.
John E. Bushnell,	Rye,	Edward P. Whittemore.
W. Hart Dexter,	Thompsonville.	
Arthur Requa,	Darien,	Benjamin Weed.
George R. Cutting,	Westminster,	Charles R. Otis.
John S. Penman,	Irvington.	
J. Hendrik de Vries.		
	Hug. Mem'l,	David I. Carson.
	White Plains,	Oliver R. Willis.
20		13

Total present,..... 33

Ministers absent.—Elias S. Schenck, Chauncey D. Rice, Addison K. Strong, Daniel N. Freeland, Hugh A. McKelvey, Charles E. Lindsley, David Murdoch, Lewis H. Reid, William Life, Talmon C. Perry, Andrew B. Morse, Rollin A. Sawyer, Edward T. Bromfield, Addison D. Madeira, Edward B. Allen, Frederick A. M. Brown, David A. Holbrook, Henry M. Baird, John T. Wills, Homer S. Newcomb, Theodore S. Pond, Christopher R. Brown, Charles H. Riggs, Robert P. Gibson, Marcellus Bowen, Henry A. Davenport, R. Randall Hoes, Charles E. Upson, J. Ritchie Smith, William K. Eddy, Charles E. Allison, Richard B. Mattice, Manfred P. Welcher, Charles P. Fagnani, Franklin B. Dwight, Charles S. Lane, James A. McWilliams, John S. Allen, John F. Lynn, Harris Ely Adriance, Stanley K. Phraner, Henry R. White. —42.

Churches not represented.—Hartford, South East, New Haven 1st, Greenwich 1st, Mahopac Falls, Croton Falls, New Rochelle, Katonah, Yorktown, Dayspring, South East Centre, Peekskill 2d, South Salem,

Mt. Vernon 1st, Sing Sing, Patterson, Thompsonville, Irvington, Pleasantville, Pound Ridge, North Salem, Port Chester, Gilead.—23.

Excused for absence from this meeting.—Lewis H. Reid, Robert P. Gibson, J. Ritchie Smith.

Intermediate Meeting, June 16, 1891.

Excused for absence from the Spring Stated Meeting.—Willis W. Dowd.

Corresponding Member.—Rev. Anthony R. Macoubrey of the Presbytery of East Florida.

Rev. Addison K. Strong was, at his own request, dismissed to the Presbytery of Dayton.

The death of Rev. Isaac S. Davison was announced as having occurred on April 28, 1891, in New York city, and on motion Rev. Messrs. John Reid, J. Hendrik de Vries, and Elder Ralph E. Prime were appointed a committee to draft an appropriate minute.

The Stated Clerk reported having communicated with members of Presbytery, not having pastoral charge, who had not reported to the Presbytery (p. 213), and letters from Rev. Messrs. Elias S. Schenck and Chauncey D. Rice were read.

The special committee appointed to visit the Pleasantville Church (p. 217) reported that they had found the financial condition of the church much better than was supposed. Arrangements have been made for the supply of the pulpit during the absence of the pastor.

The church was recommended to the Board of Home Missions for $250 from the Synodical Aid Fund. The report was accepted and the recommendation adopted.

Rev. Anthony R. Macoubrey was heard in regard to his relation to the White Plains Church (p. 216) and to his work in the South.

Rev. Messrs. John H. Eastman and W. Hart Dexter reported their attendance as commissioners to the General Assembly. Their reports were accepted and diligence approved.

Licentiate Frederick J. Perkins presented himself as a candidate for ordination as an Evangelist.

He was examined in Church History, Government, Sacraments, and Theology. He also read a portion of a sermon.

The candidate then retired. The roll was called, and the examination sustained.

Intermediate Meeting, June 16, 1891.

It was ordered that when Presbytery adjourns it adjourns to meet in the Presbyterian Church, Hartford, Conn., at 7.30 o'clock this evening, and proceed to the ordination of Mr. Perkins.

Rev. J. Aspinwall Hodge and Elder Ralph E. Prime were appointed a committee to make arrangements for the ordination.

The committee presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

To preside and propound the constitutional questions, the Moderator. Sermon, Rev. C. S. Beardsley of Hartford Theological Seminary, to be invited. Ordaining prayer, Rev. Lewis H. Reid. Charge, Rev. J. Aspinwall Hodge. Benediction, Mr. Perkins.

A statement was made by Rev. Anthony R. Macoubrey, giving reasons for his not being able to present his letter of dismission from the Presbytery of East Florida.

The whole matter of the examination of candidates was referred to a committee of five.

Rev. Messrs. George R. Cutting, John E. Bushnell, and John S. Penman, and Elders Frank W. Marsh and Ralph E. Prime were appointed such committee.

Rev. Willis W. Dowd gave a report of his labors during the past year. Accepted.

The minutes were read and approved.

The Presbytery adjourned to meet in the Presbyterian Church, Hartford, Conn., at 7.30 o'clock this evening.

Closed with prayer.

W. J. CUMMING,
Stated Clerk.

JOHN H. EASTMAN,
Permanent Clerk.

HARTFORD, CONN., June 16, 1891.

Adjourned Meeting, June 16, 1891.

The Presbytery of Westchester met, pursuant to adjournment, in the Presbyterian Church, Hartford, Conn., Tuesday, June 16, 1891, at 7.30 P. M., and was opened with prayer by the Moderator, Rev. J. Hendrik de Vries.

The roll was called and the following were found to be present:

Ministers.	*Churches.*	*Elders.*
Lewis H. Reid.		
J. Aspinwall Hodge,	Hartford,	Alexander Curry.
William J. Cumming,	Yorktown.	
W. Hart Dexter,	Thompsonville.	
J. Hendrik de Vries.		
	5	1

Total present,..... 6

The Presbytery then proceeded to the ordination of Licentiate Frederick J. Perkins as an Evangelist.

After devotional exercises Rev. C. S. Beardsley of the Hartford Theological Seminary preached a sermon from the text, Isa. 6: 8 — "Then said I, Here am I, send me."

The ordaining prayer was offered by Rev. Lewis H. Reid.

The charge was delivered by Rev. J. Aspinwall Hodge.

It was ordered that Mr. Perkins' name be enrolled.

The Presbytery then adjourned to meet in the Presbyterian Church, Pound Ridge, N. Y., Thursday, June 18, 1891, at 7 P. M.

Closed with the benediction by the newly-ordained Evangelist.

W. J. CUMMING,
Stated Clerk.

J. H. EASTMAN,
Permanent Clerk.

POUND RIDGE, N. Y., June 18, 1891.

Adjourned Meeting, June 18, 1891.

The Presbytery of Westchester met, pursuant to appointment (p. 217), in the Presbyterian Church, Pound Ridge, N. Y., Thursday, June 18, 1891, at 7.30 P. M., and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator, Rev. J. Hendrik de Vries.

The roll was called and the following were found to be present:

Ministers.	*Churches.*	*Elders.*
John H. Eastman,	Katonah,	Joseph Barrett.
James H. Hoyt,	Bedford,	John G. Clark.
William J. Cumming,	Yorktown,	Henry White.
Harris R. Schenck,	Mt. Kisco.	
J. Hendrik de Vries.		
	Pound Ridge,	John C. Rockwell.
5		4

Total present,..... 9

The minutes of the adjourned meeting held at Hartford, Conn., Tuesday, June 16, 1891 (p. 226), were read and approved.

A letter of dismission was granted to Rev. Frederick J. Perkins to the Presbytery of Saõ Paulo, Brazil.

Licentiate George Cornwell presented himself as a candidate for ordination as an Evangelist.

Presbytery proceeded to the examination of the candidate.

His examination was unanimously sustained.

On motion the Presbytery proceeded to his ordination.

After devotional exercises the sermon was preached by Rev. Harris R. Schenck, alternate, from the text, ACTS 4: 13—"Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus."

The action of the Presbytery (p. 217) was stated, and constitutional questions propounded, by the Moderator, Rev. J. Hendrik de Vries.

The ordaining prayer was offered by Rev. James H. Hoyt.

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The charge was delivered by Rev. William J. Cumming.

The benediction was pronounced by Rev. George Cornwell.

It was ordered that the name of Mr. Cornwell be enrolled.

Rev. Anthony R. Macoubrey was received, by letter of dismission, from the Presbytery of East Florida.

Rev. Harris R. Schenck presented his resignation as Moderator of the Session of the White Plains Church. Accepted.

Moderators of Sessions of vacant churches were appointed as follows:

Rev. George Cornwell, Pound Ridge.
Rev. Anthony R. Macoubrey, White Plains.

A call from the White Plains Church for the pastoral services of Rev. Anthony R. Macoubrey was presented, and laid on the table until the Fall Stated Meeting of Presbytery.

The Stated Clerk was directed to obtain from the Session of the White Plains an orderly copy of the call, or the original document, before the Fall Stated Meeting.

The minutes were read and approved.

The Presbytery then adjourned to meet in the First Presbyterian Church, Bridgeport, Conn., Tuesday, October 6, 1891.

Closed with prayer.

W. J. CUMMING,
Stated Clerk.

J. H. EASTMAN,
Permanent Clerk.

BRIDGEPORT, CONN., October 6, 1891.

Fall Stated Meeting, October 6, 1891.

The Presbytery of Westchester met, pursuant to appointment, in the First Presbyterian Church, Bridgeport, Conn., Tuesday, October 6, 1891, at 3 P. M., and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator, Rev. J. Hendrik de Vries.

The roll was called and the following found to be present:

Ministers.	*Churches.*	*Elders.*
Hugh A. McKelvey,		
Charles E. Lindsley (2),		
William Life,		
Talmon C. Perry,		
Andrew B. Morse,		
J. Aspinwall Hodge,	Hartford,	Alexander Curry.
Anthony R. Macoubrey,	White Plains,	Edwin A. Slosson (2).
Edward B. Allen,	South East,	Walter C. Johnson.
Thornton M. Niven (2),	Greenburgh,	Richard R. Tyers.
Frederick A. M. Brown (2),	New Haven 1st,	George Petrie (2).
	Greenwich 1st,	Edward B. Cristy.
Homer S. Newcomb,		
Alexander Miller,	Mahopac Falls,	
Richard P. H. Vail,	Stamford 1st,	Charles B. Dolsen (2).
Robert P. Gibson,	Croton Falls,	
	Yonkers 1st,	Theodore Gilman.
Henry A. Davenport,	Bridgeport 1st,	David F. Hollister.
William B. Waller (2),	New Rochelle,	John A. Offord (2).
John H. Eastman,	Katonah,	Joseph H. Barrett (2).
William N. Richie (2),	Port Chester,	
J. Ritchie Smith,	Peekskill 1st,	Sanford R. Knapp.
James H. Hoyt,	Bedford,	John G. Clark.
William J. Cumming,	Yorktown,	Henry White.
Charles E. Allison (2),	Dayspring,	
John H. Trussell,	S. E. Center,	Warren S. Paddock (2).
Richard B. Mattice,	Throgg's Neck,	
Irving E. White,	Peekskill 2d,	Morris E. Clinton.
Manfred P. Welcher,	South Salem,	Thomas Gilbert.
Harris R. Schenck,	Mt. Kisco,	Joseph Banks.
Franklin B. Dwight (2),		
Charles S. Lane,	Mt. Vernon 1st,	A. Noel Blakeman.
John E. Bushnell,	Rye,	William H. Parsons.
James A. McWilliams,	Sing Sing,	Daniel E. Provost (2).
John S. Allen,	Patterson,	
W. Hart Dexter (2),	Thompsonville,	Horace K. Brainard (2).
Arthur Requa,	Darien,	James A. Shaw (2).
George R. Cutting,	Westminster,	J. R. McWilliams (2).
John S. Penman,	Irvington,	Wm. A. Burnham (2).
J. Hendrik de Vries,		
John F. Lynn,	Pleasantville,	Benjamin J. Carpenter.
Harris Ely Adriance (2),	Hugenot Memorial,	Nathan Johnson (2).
Henry R. White,	Gilead,	William H. Foster.
George Cornwell,	Pound Ridge,	Albert Scofield (2).
41		29

Total present,.....70

Fall Stated Meeting. October 6, 1891.

Ministers absent.— Elias S. Schenck, Chauncey D. Rice, Daniel N. Freeland, Wilson Phraner, David Murdoch, Lewis H. Reid, Edward T. Bromfield, Rollin A. Sawyer, Addison D. Madeira, David A. Holbrook, Henry M. Baird, John T. Wills, Theodore S. Pond, Christopher R. Brown, Marcellus Bowen, John Reid, R. Randall Hoes, Willis W. Dowd, Charles E. Upson, William K. Eddy, Charles P. Fagnani. —21.

Churches not represented.— Mahopac Falls, Croton Falls, Port Chester, Dayspring, Throggs Neck, Patterson, North Salem.— 7.

Excused for absence from this meeting.— Rev. Messrs. Elias S. Schenck, John Reid, John T. Wills, Lewis H. Reid, Daniel N. Freeland, Wilson Phraner, David Murdoch, Edward T. Bromfield, Rollin A. Sawyer.

Excused for absence from the Spring Stated Meeting.— Rev. Messrs. Elias S. Schenck, Chauncey D. Rice, Hugh A. McKelvey, Homer S. Newcomb, Manfred P. Welcher, Daniel N. Freeland.

Excused for absence from the June Intermediate Meeting.— Elias S. Schenck, Chauncey D. Rice, Hugh A. McKelvey, William Life, Talmon C. Perry, Homer S. Newcomb, Charles H. Riggs, Henry A. Davenport, John S. Allen, John F. Lynn, Daniel N. Freeland.

Corresponding Members.— Rev. Messrs. George W. F. Birch and James S. Nightingale of the Presbytery of New York, Rev. Edward Grier Fullerton of the Fairfield East Consociation, Rev. Henry W. Pinkham of the Fairfield County Baptist Association, and Rev. William Swan of the Presbytery of New Brunswick.

Rev. George R. Cutting was elected Moderator.

Rev. John H. Eastman was elected Permanent Clerk for the ensuing year.

Elder Sanford R. Knapp was elected temporary clerk.

The Committee of Arrangements presented a report which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

8.30 to 9.30 A. M., Devotional Meeting, led to-morrow morning by Rev. James A. McWilliams.

9.30 A. M. to 12 M., and 2 to 5 P. M., Business Sessions.

7.45 P. M. to-day, sermon by the retiring Moderator, Rev. J. Hendrik de Vries, after which the congregation tenders a reception to Presbytery in the Sunday-school Building.

7.45 P. M. Wednesday, a popular meeting with the following speakers and subjects: Rev. J. Ritchie Smith, Bible and Creed; Rev. John E. Bushnell, Some Results of Recent Methods of Bible Study; Rev. W. Hart Dexter, Valuing Souls.

Rev. Stanley K. Phraner was, at his own request, dismissed to the North Laos Presbytery.

Rev. Charles H. Riggs was dismissed, at his own request, to the Presbytery of Albany.

A petition for the organization of a church at New Rochelle was made the second order for to-morrow afternoon.

The hearing of reports of Committees on Sessional Records was made the third order.

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Communications from the Board of Home Missions were referred to the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension.

Papers received from the Session and from a member of the Mt. Kisco Church were referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

The Stated Clerk was authorized to provide the necessary blanks for commissions of delegates to Synod, and for the notification of those who are to take part in ordination and installation services.

The Treasurer presented his report, which was referred to the Committee on Finance. It is as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING OCT. 1, 1891.

Receipts.

Cash on hand Oct. 1, 1890,		$67.97
Assessments, 1890,	$3.00	
" 1891,	914.66	
		917.66
Proceeds of Note ($150) discounted at Westchester Co. Nat. Bank,		145.42
Sales of History,		6.00
Total,		$1,137.05

Disbursements.

Salaries — Stated Clerk,	$87.50	
" Permanent Clerk (3 mos.),	7.50	
		$95.00
Expenses — Postage and Stationery,	14.23	
" Committees,	15.00	
" Stated Clerk (traveling),	4.75	
" Blanks,	1.18	
		35.16
Printing — Minutes,	$90.90	
" Notices,	3.00	
" Circulars,	5.00	
		98.90
Apportionments — General Assembly,	$469.49	
" Synod,	51.21	
		520.70
Delegates to Synod — Expenses of,		108.33
Balance on History,		.30
Note discounted at Westchester Co. Nat. Bank,		150.00
Total,		$1,008.39

Cash on hand Oct. 1, 1891,	$128.66
Unpaid Assessments,	85.07
Total,	$213.73

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Estimated Disbursements to April 1, 1891.

Expenses of Delegates to Synod,	$125.00
Salary of Stated Clerk,	50.00
Printing,	50.00
Postage, etc.,	20.00
Total,	$245.00
Estimated Deficit,	$30.00

The hearing of the report of the Committee on Examination of Candidates (p. 225), was made the fourth order for to-morrow afternoon.

The call of the White Plains Church for the pastoral services of Rev. Anthony R. Macoubrey was made the order for to-morrow morning, at 11 o'clock.

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly presented a report, which was referred back to the committee in order that they might recommend action with respect to matters requiring attention at this meeting.

A petition from the Session of the Patterson Church in favor of fewer meetings of Presbytery was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Elders A. Noel Blakeman and David F. Hollister reported attendance as Commissioners to the General Assembly. Reports were accepted and diligence approved.

Rev. Robert P. Gibson reported that illness prevented him from remaining throughout the sessions of General Assembly. Report was accepted and his diligence approved.

Rev. Arthur Requa, as principal, and Rev. John S. Penman, as alternate, were appointed to draft the narrative for the Spring Stated Meeting.

The January Intermediate Meeting was appointed to be held in New York City, and the designation of the place was left to the clerks as a committee.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was presented. It was accepted, and is as follows:

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A number of our churches during the past year held special services in the interest of this work. We are glad to report a most gratifying increase in the gifts of our churches. A card received from the Board presents the following comparison:

	1890.	1891.
Churches,	$3,504.57	$6,479.82
Sunday-schools,	885.90	753.27
Women's Societies,	2,763.90	3,172.23
Total,	$7,154.37	$10,405.32

an increase of $3,250.95 or about 40 per cent. Our gain was greater than that of any other Presbytery in the Synod, and in total amount of our gifts to Foreign Missions, we hold the third place, following New York and Brooklyn.

The General Assembly recommends a Christmas offering for Foreign Missions in our Sabbath-schools, and urges the observance of the monthly concert of prayer. The Assembly further recommends that the sum of $1,100,000 be raised for this work during the present year.

The Stated Clerk was instructed to send notices of Intermediate Meetings as well as Stated Meetings.

The death of Elder Alexander Spence of the Hartford Church was announced as having occurred August 11th. Rev. J. Aspinwall Hodge and Elder Alexander Curry were appointed to prepare a minute for the Necrology of Presbytery.

The report of the Committee on Aid for Colleges was presented and accepted. It is as follows:

There are now 36 institutions under the care of this Board—21 academies and 15 colleges—22 of these are virtually free from debt. Their net property is nearly $1,250,000. About $150,000 were administered by the Board last year in their behalf. They are located in 18 Synods and States. The easternmost are in North Carolina and Michigan. About 4,000 students are enrolled; of these, 1,400 are church members, 200 were converted last year, and 150 have the Christian ministry in view.

To this Board our Presbytery contributed last year $567, an advance on the previous year of $118; being the largest of any year except that of 1887. The number of churches contributing is 25, the same as last year, and the highest number reached.

Recess was taken until 7.45 P. M.

Closed with prayer.

TUESDAY, 7.45 P. M.

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The Presbytery re-assembled.

A sermon was preached, after devotional exercises, by the retiring Moderator, Rev. J. Hendrik de Vries, from the text — Isaiah 55: 8 — "My ways are not as your ways, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord."

After these services business was resumed, and the Moderator announced the following committees:

I. BILLS AND OVERTURES.

Ministers. — J. Hendrik de Vries, J. Ritchie Smith, James A. McWilliams.

Elders. — A. Noel Blakeman, Richard R. Tyers.

II. JUDICIAL BUSINESS.

Ministers. — Alexander Miller, Charles S. Lane, John S. Allen.

Elders. — Thomas Gilbert, Walter C. Johnson.

III. FINANCE.

Elders. — Theodore Gilman, William H. Parsons.

IV. LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

Minister. — William J. Cumming.

Elder. — Sanford R. Knapp.

V. SESSIONAL RECORDS.

	Church.	*Minister.*	*Elder.*
1	Hartford,	J. Hendrik de Vries,	Benj. J. Carpenter.
2	White Plains,	Hugh A. McKelvey,	Albert Scofield.
3	South East,	John F. Lynn,	Nathan Johnson.
4	Greenburgh,	Harris Ely Adriance,	James B. Shaw.
5	New Haven 1st,		
6	Greenwich 1st,	John S. Penman,	James R. McWilliams.
7	Mahopac Falls,		
8	Stamford 1st,	J. Aspinwall Hodge,	Edwin A. Slosson.
9	Croton Falls,		
10	Yonkers 1st,		
11	Bridgeport 1st,	Charles E. Allison,	Daniel E. Provost.
12	New Rochelle,	Thornton M. Niven,	Joseph H. Barrett.
13	Katonah,	John S. Allen,	William H. Parsons.
14	Peekskill 1st,	James A. McWilliams,	A. Noel Blakeman.
15	Bedford,	John E. Bushnell,	Joseph Banks.
16	Yorktown,	Charles S. Lane,	Thomas Gilbert.
17	Dayspring,	Talmon C. Perry,	Benj. J. Carpenter.
18	S. E. Center,		

	Church.	*Minister.*	*Elder.*
19	Throgg's Neck,	Henry R. White,	Charles B. Dolsen.
20	Peekskill 2d,	Harris R. Schenck,	Henry White.
21	South Salem,	Irving E. White,	John G. Clark.
22	Mt. Kisco,	John H. Trussell,	Morris E. Clinton.
23	Mt. Vernon 1st,	James H. Hoyt,	David F. Hollister.
24	Rye,	William B. Waller,	Warren S. Paddock.
25	Sing Sing,	Arthur Requa,	Horace K. Brainard.
26	Patterson,		
27	Thompsonville,	Manfred P. Welcher,	John A. Offord.
28	Darien,	Richard P. H. Vail,	William H. Foster.
29	Westminster,	J. Ritchie Smith,	David F. Hollister.
30	Irvington,	Robert P. Gibson,	Theodore Gilman.
31	Pleasantville,	Alexander Miller,	Edward B. Cristy.
32	Huguenot Mem'l,	Anth'y R. Macoubrey,	Walter C. Johnson.
33	Gilead,	Homer S. Newcomb,	Richard R. Tyers.
34	Pound Ridge,	Edward B. Allen,	Alexander Curry.
35	North Salem,		
36	Port Chester,	Charles E. Lindsley,	Henry White.

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The Presbytery adjourned until 8.30 A. M. to-morrow. Closed with prayer.

WEDNESDAY, October 7, 1891.

The Presbytery met at 8.30 A. M., and spent the first hour in devotional exercises, led by Rev. James A. McWilliams.

The roll was called, and the following, not present yesterday, answered to their names:

Ministers.— Charles E. Lindsley, Thornton M. Niven, Frederick A. M. Brown, William B. Waller, William N. Richie, Charles E. Allison, Franklin B. Dwight, William Hart Dexter, Harris Ely Adriance.—9.

Elders.— Edwin A. Slosson, George Petrie, Charles B. Dolsen, John A. Offord, Joseph H. Barrett, Warren S. Paddock, Daniel E. Provost, Horace K. Brainard, James A. Shaw, William A. Burnham, Albert Scofield.—11.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

The committee appointed to draft a minute on the death of Rev. Isaac S. Davison presented its report, which was accepted and adopted, and it was ordered that it be entered in the Necrology and a copy be sent to the family of the deceased.

The following were nominated as delegates to the Synod:

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Ministers.—J. Hendrik de Vries, Arthur Requa, Homer S. Newcomb, John H. Trussell, Alexander Miller, George Cornwell, Talmon C. Perry, Charles S. Lane, J. Ritchie Smith, John F. Lynn, Thornton M. Niven.

Elders.—Theodore Gilman, A. Noel Blakeman, Francis W. Marsh, Edward B. Cristy, Richard R. Tyers, Thomas Gilbert, John G. Clark, Edwin A. Slosson, William H. Foster.

The Committee on Education presented its report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

The Rev. Addison K. Strong has removed from the bounds of Presbytery, making a vacancy in your committee, which we ask may be filled.

During the past year our Presbytery received from the Board $899.07 and contributed $500, thus drawing for our candidates about $400 more than our churches gave. Five churches took up no collection for this object.

The financial condition of the Board is not encouraging. The debt of the preceding year of $9,000 has been increased to $16,000, and this notwithstanding the fact that 86 applications from men well recommended as giving good promise of usefulness and as needing help have been refused. It has been found necessary to accept no new candidates, and perhaps, even, to drop some who are receiving aid.

We therefore urge our pastors and elders to consider prayerfully the appeals which have been sent them by the Board, and to devise some means by which to secure immediate and increased contributions from our churches.

We present Mr. Edward Lambe Parsons as a candidate to be received under the care of the Presbytery. He has the full endorsement of the Session of the Rye Church. He is now in the senior class in the Union Theological Seminary.

We recommend that those candidates who received aid last year be recommended for this year.

Rev. Frederick A. M. Brown was appointed a member of the Committee on Education in place of Rev. Addison K. Strong, removed.

The Stated Clerk was authorized to grant a letter of dismission to Licentiate Hugh L. Hodge, if he should ask for it before the next meeting of Presbytery.

The Committee on Finance reported that they had examined the annual report and accounts of the Treasurer, had found them correct, and recommended their approval. Adopted.

The Committee also reported, recommending that no action be taken on paper from Patterson Church asking for fewer meetings of Presbytery referred to them for consideration (p. 232). Adopted.

Mr. Edward Lambe Parsons of the church at Rye, N. Y., after examination on his religious experience and motives for entering the ministry, was received as a candidate. His pastor, Rev. John E. Bushnell, was appointed to superintend his studies. Fall Stated Meeting, October 7, 1891.

A call from the White Plains Church for the pastoral services of Rev. Anthony R. Macoubrey was presented, and the minutes of the congregational meeting were read. Elder Elijah C. Sniffen, and Messrs. Hart and Gibson were heard as commissioners from the church and congregation. The call was found in order, and was placed in Mr. Macoubrey's hands, and by him accepted.

Rev. Messrs. Anthony R. Macoubrey and J. Aspinwall Hodge and Elder Edwin A. Slosson were appointed to arrange for Mr. Macoubrey's installation.

The Committee on Publication and Sabbath-school work presented a report, which was accepted, and after amendment adopted. It is as follows:

Your committee would suggest that in order to instruct and enthuse Sunday-school officers and teachers district conventions be held.

Your committee recommend that officers and teachers be urged to teach scholars the duty of church attendance; also that they earnestly endeavor to arouse an interest among the classes in committing Bible verses to memory.

We would also recommend that Presbytery commend to the favorable attention and interest of its Sabbath-school officers and teachers residing in Westchester County, the County Association, which is to hold its annual meeting on Thursday, October 29th, at Mt. Vernon.

Our Sunday-schools are urged to contribute to the Boards of the church.

The Committee on Church Erection presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Your committee calls attention to the following action adopted by the General Assembly:

1. That the Assembly commend with enthusiasm this worthy Board to the church's generosity.
2. That, as far as possible, all contributions for church erection go to the treasury of the Board.
3. That the sum of $150,000 be the minimum of contributions for the coming year.
4. That the Assembly approve of the new book of plans as business-like and adapted to the work.

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assem-

bly presented an amended report (p. 232), which, after further amendment, was adopted, and is as follows:

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Your Committee calls attention to the following items:

1. The Church at Home and Abroad, pp. 14 and 15; also Recommendation 5, p. 127.
2. Ministerial Relief, Rec. 3, p. 44.
3. Education, Rec. 5, p. 53.
4. Home Missions, Rec. 1 and 2, p. 61.
5. Sabbath Observance, Rec. 3 and 4, p. 65.

In view of the increasing danger of losing sight of the perpetual obligation of the fourth commandment on part of the Church and the increasing aggressiveness of the world in attempts to obliterate the Sabbath as a day of quiet rest and worship, and because perpetual efforts are needed to maintain Scriptural views as to the sanctity of the Sabbath, your committee would emphasize the importance of carefully observing the recommendation of the Assembly for the first week of April.

6. Aid for Colleges, Rec. 3, p. 68.
7. Foreign Missions, Rec. 4, p. 79.
8. Answer to Overture 71, p. 107.
9. Young People's Societies, p. 113.

Your committee recommend that a permanent committee of three ministers and two elders upon Young People's Societies in our churches be appointed to co-operate and counsel with them in such ways as the circumstances in each case may indicate as being wise and necessary for the highest interests of all departments of church work and worship.

10. Systematic study of the Shorter Catechism, p. 129.

11. Sec. 6, Chap. XII, Form of Government stricken out, and Chap. XXIII, Of Amendments, enacted, pp. 140–143.

12. Overture on Judicial Commissions, p. 144. Referred to a committee, with directions to report at the January Intermediate Meeting.

13. Temperance, pp. 148 and 149.

14. Worldly Amusements, pp. 153–155.

15. Systematic Benevolence, pp. 160 and 161.

16. Overture proposing amendment to Form of Government to be known as Sec. 6, Chap. XII, pp. 166 and 167. Referred to same committee as overture on Judicial Commissions, with directions to report at the January Intermediate Meeting.

17. Increasing the Number of Ministers, Rec. 2, 3, and 4, pp. 176 and 177.

18. Statistical Reports, p. 181.

19. Day of Prayer for Colleges, and Monthly Concert, p. 182.

20. Chapels with separate congregations to be reported separately underneath the report of the parent church, p. 187.

21. Sabbath-school contributions to Home Missions, p. 190.

22. Presbyterial Standing Committees, p. 195.

23. Report of the General Assembly's Committee on Revision of the Confession of Faith, pp. 22–37. Referred to committee of five members, and its consideration was made the first order for to-morrow morning.

Recess was taken until 2 P. M.

Closed with prayer.

WEDNESDAY, 2 P. M.

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The Presbytery reassembled and was opened with prayer.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

I. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON REVISION (p. 238).

Ministers.—James A. McWilliams, Robert P. Gibson, Charles S. Lane.

Elders.—Theodore Gilman, Joseph H. Barrett.

II. YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES (p. 238).

Ministers.—John H. Eastman, William Hart Dexter, George Cornwell.

Elders.—John A. Offord, Edward B. Cristy.

III. OVERTURES FROM GENERAL ASSEMBLY (p. 238).

Ministers.—J. Aspinwall Hodge, William Hart Dexter.

Elder.—David F. Hollister.

The first order of the day for the afternoon, the election of delegates to Synod, was taken up, and the Moderator appointed the following tellers of ballots:

1. *Ballots for Ministers.*—Rev. Harris R. Schenck, and Elder James R McWilliams.

2. *Ballots for Elders*—Rev. George Cornwell, and Elder Albert Scofield.

Rev. William N. Richie was received on letter of dismission from the Presbytery of Philadelphia.

A call from the Port Chester Church for his pastoral services was presented and found in order. The call was, at his request, laid on the table for the present.

The committee to arrange for Rev. Anthony R. Macoubrey, at White Plains (p. 237), presented a report which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Date—November 11th, at 7.30 P. M. To preside and propound the constitutional questions—The Moderator. Sermon—Rev. Henry A. Davenport; Rev. Harris R. Schenck, alternate. Charge to Pastor—Rev. Thornton M. Niven; Rev. William B. Waller, alternate. Charge to People—Rev. J. Aspinwall Hodge; Rev. John E. Bushnell, alternate.

The following were reported as elected trustees of the Presbyterian church at Narragansett Pier, R. I., and their election was ratified by the Presbytery:

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Rev. Messrs. J. Aspinwall Hodge, J. M. Buchanan, Walter Buchanan, T. S. Wynkoop, Walter Fobes, and Hon. Sherman Rodgers and Messrs. Samuel Colgate, Edward Austen, D. D. Clark, H. C. Phillips.

Rev. James H. Hoyt requested the dissolution of the pastoral relation existing between himself and the Bedford church.

The action of the congregation, not concurring in the request, but leaving the matter to the decision of the Presbytery, was read. Elder John G. Clark was heard, and Mr. Hoyt gave his reasons for the request.

The request was granted, the dissolution to take effect Sunday, October 11th, and Rev. William J. Cumming was appointed to declare the pulpit vacant on that day.

Rev. Messrs. George W. F. Birch and James Nightingale, of the Presbytery of New York, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

A petition was presented for the organization of a Church at New Rochelle, N. Y. (p. 230). Mr. Henry M. Brown was heard as representing the petitioners.

The petition was granted, and the following were appointed a committee to effect the organization:

Ministers.— William B. Waller, Charles E. Lindsley, Charles S. Lane, John E. Bushnell, Harris Ely Adriance.

Elders.— John A. Offord, A. Noel Blakeman, William H. Parsons, John H. Dey.

The following were declared elected as delegates to Synod:

PRINCIPALS.

Ministers.	*Elders.*
J. Ritchie Smith (two years),	Francis W. Marsh (two years),
J. Hendrik de Vries, " "	A. Noel Blakeman, " "
Alexander Miller, " "	Theodore Gilman, " "
Thornton M. Niven, " "	

ALTERNATES.

Arthur Requa,	John G. Clark,
John H. Trussell,	Richard R. Tyers,
George Cornwell,	Edward B. Cristy,
Charles S. Lane,	William H. Foster,
Homer S. Newcomb,	Thomas Gilbert,
Talmon C. Perry,	Edwin A. Slosson.
John F. Lynn,	

Reports of Committees on Sessional Records were called for, and the records of the following churches were approved, without exception: Fall Stated Meeting, October 7, 1891.

Hartford, Stamford First, New Rochelle, Throgg's Neck, South Salem, Rye, Darien, Huguenot Memorial, Irvington, Dayspring, White Plains, Bridgeport First, Bedford, Peekskill First, Peekskill Second, Mt. Vernon First, Sing Sing, Pleasantville, Westminster, Thompsonville, Greenburgh, Katonah, Gilead, Mt. Kisco, South East.

The following were approved, with exception:

Yorktown, Greenwich First, Port Chester, Pound Ridge.

It was ordered that the records of the following churches, not presented at this meeting, should be presented at the January Intermediate Meeting:

New Haven First, Mahopac Falls, Croton Falls, Yonkers First, South East Centre, Patterson, and North Salem.

The report of the Committee on the Examination of Candidates (p. 232) was presented. It was recommitted, and Rev. J. Aspinwall Hodge was added to the committee.

The Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension presented a report which was accepted, and is as follows:

The receipts of the Board for the first five months of the current fiscal year have exceeded those of the previous by $38,000. For the same period the churches of this Presbytery have contributed $1,727, an increase of $1,156.

If the same ratio of increase is maintained for the remainder of the year the necessary expenses will be paid and the debt canceled.

Of the amounts recommended by Presbytery, Pleasantville has received the sum in full, and New Haven First for one quarter, while to Pound Ridge nothing has been paid.

Earnest appeals are made that the churches of our Presbytery contribute more generously and generally to the Synodical Aid Fund. Last year eleven gave nothing. The entire amount contributed by us was only $660, while at the same time we received $925. The committee is persuaded that many of the churches are afforded of giving to this fund. And it, therefore, recommends that a collection for Synodical Aid be taken in every church of the Presbytery during the present year.

The Committee on Systematic Beneficence presented a report which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Your committee recommend —

1. That the sessions of our churches be urged to devise the best methods of securing, where possible, a contribution for every cause

from every member of the church. To this end they are urged to make a careful study of the new chapter in our Directory for Worship, viz.: Chapter VI, On the Worship of God by Offerings.

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2. That every pastor be urged to emphasize by all wise methods, from the pulpit, in the Sunday-school and prayer meeting, the privilege and duty of systematic and proportionate giving on part of all.

The Committee on Temperance made a verbal report, calling attention to recommendations 3, 4, and 6 of the report of the General Assembly's Standing Committee on Temperance, Minutes, 1891, pp. 148 and 149.

The Committee on Ministerial Relief presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

We recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. We congratulate our churches and thank God for the signs of interest shown in the increased contributions for the past year.

2. We call especial attention to the low average paid to the families under the care of the Board as being far too small to properly support those whose hard labors and great refinement bespeak greater consideration.

3. We again commend this cause to our churches and solicit for it the continued interest which the elders have always shown in it.

4. We call attention to and renew the recommendation printed on page 128 of the Minutes of Presbytery, and recommend the reappointment of the committee of elders charged with representing this cause to their respective churches (p. 139) with such changes in the committee as your committee may decide upon.

Mr. Richard Henry Hughes, a licentiate of the Arvon Presbytery of North Wales, having been dismissed to us from that body, was received as a licentiate of this Presbytery, after answering affirmatively the questions in the Form of Government, Chapter XV., Section 12.

The Committee on Freedmen presented a report which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

With reference to the response of our own churches to this work it is a pleasure to report an increase this year of $187 over last, and it is worthy of a hope that this is a result of a deliberate purpose to advance this cause. As an offset, however, it should not be forgotten that our Presbytery's offering this year of $848, while $187 more than last, is $197 less than the year before.

Your committee call attention to the recommendation 2 of General Assembly's Committee's report (p. 90).

An invitation from the First Church of Yonkers, N. Y., for the Spring Stated Meeting was accepted, with thanks.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures presented a report which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

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Two papers have been placed in our hands, one containing overtures from the Mt. Kisco Church and the other overtures from Elder Ebenezer G. Platt of that church.

I. Two overtures were sent up by the church for the decision of Presbytery.

1. The first is contained in the following resolution: "*Resolved*, That the question of Mr. Platt's eligibility to membership in the session, holding the doctrines he does, be submitted to the Presbytery for decision, leaving the office vacant for the present."

Your committee recommend the following answer: The question of the eligibility of an elder-elect depends upon his answers to the constitutional questions propounded at ordination.

2. The second is the following: "A resolution was offered that hereafter no names be presented by the session for nominations to office at the annual church election. Upon motion this resolution was referred to Presbytery for advice without further action."

Your committee recommend the following answer: The session has the right to nominate elders and deacons, but the exercise of that right is in its discretion.

II. The paper of Elder Platt contains four questions.

1. "Has the church, at a meeting held for the election of elders, a right to nominate candidates other or in addition to those nominated by the session?"

Your committee recommend that it be answered in the affirmative.

2. "Has the Moderator, at such meeting, right or power to refuse to present the name or names of candidates so named by the church, or to prevent a vote to be taken thereon, upon grounds that the candidate was not, in his, the Moderator's, opinion, qualified for the eldership because his views were not in harmony with the Confession of Faith, no specification of such divergence being made, and the fact not being admitted or declared in any way to the church by the candidate or otherwise known to the church?"

Your committee recommend that it be answered in the negative.

3. "Whether it is not the duty of the Moderator to put the nomination to vote when the candidate is a member of the church in good and regular standing, and that for several years previous an elder in said church, and never impeached or brought in question as being unsound in his views?"

Your committee recommend that the above be answered in the affirmative.

4. "Whether there being no election to fill the place of Mr. Platt he holds over as an elder until a regular election shall be held to fill his place?"

Your committee recommend the following answer: In the case stated the term of office having expired the elder does not hold over.

Recess taken until 7.45 P. M.

Closed with prayer.

WEDNESDAY, 7.45 P. M.

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The Presbytery reassembled.

After devotional exercises addresses were delivered as follows:

Rev. J. Ritchie Smith — The Bible and Creed;

Rev. John E. Bushnell — Some Results of Recent Methods of Bible Study;

Rev. William Hart Dexter — Valuing Souls.

Business was then resumed.

The Committee on Presbyterial Visitation presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

During the year past seven churches have been visited, viz.: Darien, Gilead, Greenburgh, Mt. Kisco, New Rochelle, Peekskill 2d, Thompsonville.

During the current year the churches to be visited are — Bedford, Bridgeport 1st, Croton Falls, Hartford, Huguenot Memorial, Irvington, Mahopac Falls, Pound Ridge, Rye, South East, Stamford 1st, Throgg's Neck, White Plains, Yonkers 1st, and any others that may ask for it.

The usual exercises of the Presbyterial Day of Prayer were held November 11, 1890, in the Yonkers First Church, and were felt to be of great spiritual profit to all who attended.

The Presbyterial Day of Prayer for the current year will be held in the White Plains Church on Tuesday, November 10, 1891.

The committee recommend this appointment to the prayerful preparation and devout attendance of every minister and elder.

The treasurer was authorized to pay necessary bills and to borrow such money as may be needful.

The minutes of to-day's sessions were read and approved.

Adjourned until 8.30 A. M., to-morrow.

Closed with prayer.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 8.30 A. M.

The Presbytery met and spent the first hour in devotional exercises.

Rev. John F. Lynn requested the dissolution of the pastoral relation existing between himself and the Pleasantville Church.

Elder Benjamin J. Carpenter was heard as commissioner from the church, and stated that the congregation concurred in the request. Fall Stated Meeting, October 8, 1891.

The request was granted, the dissolution to take effect the first Sunday (3d) of January, 1892.

Rev. Harris R. Schenck was appointed to declare the pulpit vacant on the earliest Sunday convenient after that date.

Moderators of Sessions of vacant churches were appointed as follows:

Rev. Robert P. Gibson, North Salem;
Rev. George Cornwell, Pound Ridge;
Rev. Anthony R. Macoubrey, White Plains;
Rev. Richard B. Mattice, Throgg's Neck;
Rev. William N. Richie, Port Chester;
Rev. John H. Eastman, Bedford;
Rev. Harris R. Schenck, Pleasantville.

The Sessions of these churches were authorized to supply their pulpits until the next Stated Meeting of Presbytery.

The arrangements for the installation of Rev. Anthony R. Macoubrey at White Plains (p. 239) were reconsidered, and it was ordered that the time be Wednesday, November 11th, or a date prior to that, to be determined by the Session of the church and the installing committee.

The committee to which was referred the report of the General Assembly's Committee on Revision presented a report, which was accepted and, after amendment, adopted. It is as follows:

Your committee recommend that the Presbytery express its approval of the report of the General Assembly's Committee on the Revision of the Confession of Faith with the following suggestions:

1. That in Chap. III, sec. 3, "some of mankind" be omitted, and "a multitude whom no man can number" be substituted for it.
2. That Chap. III, sec. 5, be omitted.
3. That for Chap (X) XII, sec. 3 the following be substituted: Infants dying in infancy and others, incapable of being outwardly called by the ministry of the Word, are not thereby shut out from the benefits of redemption, but rather, that being included in the electing grace of God, they are regenerated and saved by Christ through the Spirit, who worketh when and where and how He pleaseth.

Rev. Edward Grier Fullerton of the Fairfield East Consociation, Rev. Henry W. Pinkham of the Fairfield County Baptist Association, and Rev. William Swan of

the Presbytery of New Brunswick were invited to sit as corresponding members.

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The Committee on Leave of Absence presented a report which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Your committee have granted leave of absence to the following:
Ministers. — Andrew B. Morse, Anthony R Macoubrey, William N. Richie, Frederick A. M. Brown, Harris R. Schenck, Richard P. H. Vail, Charles E. Allison;
Elders. — Warren S. Paddock, Thomas Gilbert, Edwin A. Slosson, George Petrie, John Green Clark, Horace K. Brainard.

The roll was called, and the following were found to have withdrawn without leave:

Ministers. — Charles E. Lindsley, Edward B. Allen, James H. Hoyt, John H. Trussell, John S. Allen, John S. Penman, Henry R. White.
Elders. — Walter C. Johnson, Charles B. Dolsen, John A. Offord, Joseph H. Barrett, James B. Shaw, William A. Burnham, Nathan Johnson.

A vote of thanks was extended to the pastor, church, and congregation for their hospitality.

The minutes of to-day's session were read and approved.

Adjourned to meet in New York City, Tuesday, January 19, 1892.

Closed with prayer and the benediction.

W. J. CUMMING,
Stated Clerk.

J. H. EASTMAN,
Permanent Clerk.

OFFICERS OF THE PRESBYTERY.

Moderator — Rev. George R. Cutting, Yonkers, N. Y.; Stated Clerk and Treasurer — Rev. William J. Cumming, Yorktown, N. Y.; Permanent Clerk — Rev. John H. Eastman, Katonah, N. Y.

TRUSTEES.

Ministers. — Rollin A. Sawyer, Richard P. H. Vail, Thornton M. Niven, John E. Bushnell.

Elders. — Edward Wells (Clerk, Peekskill, N. Y.), Uriah Hill, William H. Parsons, Thomas G. Ritch (Treasurer, Stamford, Conn.), Benjamin Weed.

NEW YORK CITY, January 19, 1892.

Intermediate Meeting, January 19, 1892.

The Presbytery of Westchester met, pursuant to appointment, in the Presbyterian Mission House, 53 Fifth Avenue, New York City, Tuesday, January 19, 1892, at 10.30 A. M., and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator, Rev. George R. Cutting.

The roll was called and the following found to be present:

Ministers.	*Churches.*	*Elders.*
Charles E. Lindsley,		
William Life,		
Edward T. Bromfield,		
J. Aspinwall Hodge,	Hartford,	
Rollin A. Sawyer,		
Henry M. Baird,		
John T. Wills,	Greenwich 1st,	
Alexander Miller,	Mahopac Falls,	
	Stamford 1st,	Thomas G. Ritch.
Robert P. Gibson,	Croton Falls,	
John Reid,	Yonkers 1st,	Ralph E. Prime.
	Bridgeport 1st,	Edward P. Bullard.
William B. Waller,	New Rochelle,	John A. Offord.
John H. Eastman,	Katonah,	
William N. Richie,	Port Chester,	
	Peekskill 1st,	Sanford R. Knapp.
William J. Cumming,	Yorktown,	Henry White.
William K. Eddy,		
John H. Trussell,	S. E. Center,	
Richard B. Mattice,	Throgg's Neck,	Charles H. Randall.
Irving E. White,	Peekskill 2d,	
Manfred P. Welcher,	South Salem,	Thomas Gilbert.
Harris R. Schenck,	Mt. Kisco,	
Franklin B. Dwight,		
Charles S. Lane,	Mt. Vernon 1st,	A. Noel Blakeman.
John E. Bushnell,	Rye,	
James A. McWilliams,	Sing Sing,	Stanton Cady.
W. Hart Dexter,	Thompsonville,	
Arthur Requa,	Darien,	Benj. Weed.
George R. Cutting,	Westminster,	Arthur S. Machin.
Francis E. Smith,	New Rochelle 2d,	Joseph T. Brown.
John F. Lynn,	Pleasantville,	Benj. J. Carpenter.
Harris Ely Adriance,	Huguenot Memorial,	
	Bedford,	David Travis.
George Cornwell,	Pound Ridge,	
31		15

Total present,.....46

Ministers absent. — Elias S. Schenck, Chauncey D. Rice, Addison K. Strong, Daniel N. Freeland, Hugh A. McKelvey, Wilson Phraner, David Murdoch, Lewis H. Reid, Talmon C. Perry, Andrew B. Morse, Anthony R. Macoubrey, Addison D. Madeira, Edward B. Allen, Thornton M. Niven, Frederick A. M. Brown, David A. Holbrook, Homer S. Newcomb, Theodore S. Pond, Christopher R. Brown, Richard

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P. H. Vail, Marcellus Bowen, Henry A. Davenport, R. Randall Hoes, Willis W. Dowd, Charles E. Upson, J. Ritchie Smith, James H. Hoyt, Charles E. Allison, Charles P. Fagnani, John S. Allen, John S. Penman, J. Hendrik de Vries, Henry R. White.—33.

Churches not represented.—Hartford, White Plains, Southeast, Greenburgh, New Haven 1st, Greenwich 1st, Mahopac Falls, Croton Falls, Katonah, Port Chester, Dayspring, Southeast Centre, Peekskill 2d, Mt. Kisco, Rye, Patterson, Thompsonville, Irvington, Huguenot Memorial, Gilead, Pound Ridge, North Salem.—22.

Excused for absence.—Elias S. Schenck, Chauncey D. Rice, Addison K. Strong, Lewis H. Reid, Andrew B. Morse, Henry A. Davenport, Willis W. Dowd, J. Richie Smith, Charles E. Allison, Elder William H. Parsons.

Corresponding Members.—Rev. Alexander W. Sproull and Rev. Geo. W. F. Birch of the Presbytery of New York.

Rev. Addison K. Strong returned the letter of dismission to the Presbytery of Dayton, granted him June 16, 1891 (p. 224), and it was ordered that his name be placed upon the roll.

A communication from the Stated Clerk of the Synod of New York, in regard to the attendance of delegates from this Presbytery to that body, was presented.

Rev. Francis E. Smith was received by letter of dismission from the Presbytery of Washington City, and it was ordered that his name be enrolled.

Mr. Gerhart A. Wilson was received as a candidate from the Presbytery of Chicago, and it was ordered that his name be enrolled.

On motion, he was dismissed to the Presbytery of Boston.

The Stated Clerk reported that he had given, as directed by Presbytery (p. 236), to Licentiate Hugh Lenox Hodge, a letter of dismission to the Presbytery of Chester, on November 4, 1891.

A communication from the Board of Home Missions, stating that the recommendation of Presbytery of the church at Pound Ridge, N. Y., for an appropriation of $200 from the Synodical Aid Fund had been "referred," was referred to the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension for immediate action.

A communication was received from Elder Thomas G.

Ritch, Treasurer of the Trustees of Presbytery, stating that since last report (p. 184) $62.02 of interest had accrued, and by direction of Presbytery $50 had been paid out (p. 216); and that the Adams Fund is now $950 ($1,000 less $50 legacy tax) principal, and $120.09 interest. He also enclosed extract from the will of the late Rev. Carson W. Adams. Intermediate Meeting, January 19, 1892.

It was ordered that the extract be entered upon the minutes. It is as follows:

Seventh. I will and bequeath to the Trustees of the Presbytery of Westchester one thousand dollars. This money to be called the Adams Fund; the Trustees of the Presbytery must hold in perpetuity, using the income of the same for missionary purposes within the bounds of said Presbytery.

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Eleventh. One share I direct shall be given and I bequeath the same to the Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, incorporated May 5, 1871, by the Legislature of the State of New York. The said fund to be kept in perpetuity and to be called the Carson Adams Fund. I also direct that the income of said share or fund be expended in missionary work in the State of Connecticut in connection with the Presbyterian Church.

On motion, it was ordered that $50 from the income of the Adams Fund be added to the principal in order to make it $1,000, and that the remaining $70 be employed "for missionary purposes" within the bounds of the Presbytery.

The committee to organize the Second Presbyterian Church, New Rochelle, N. Y. (p. 240) presented a report, which was accepted, and is as follows:

The committee appointed by Presbytery to organize the Second Presbyterian Church in New Rochelle, N. Y., met at their house of worship Sunday afternoon, October 18, 1891, and duly organized the church. The chairman presided. Thirty-one members were received by certificate and declared constituted as the Second Presbyterian Church. Rev. Charles E. Lindsley delivered a charge to the newly-received members. Joseph T. Brown and Charles E. Harvey were chosen elders, and a charge delivered to them by Rev. Charles S. Lane. Short addresses were also made by Rev. Harris Ely Adriance and Elders A. Noel Blakeman, John H. Dey, and John A. Offord.

It was ordered that the name of the church be enrolled.

It was also ordered that the name of Elder Joseph T.

Brown be placed upon the roll as delegate to this meeting of Presbytery.

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A call from the church for the pastoral services of the Rev. Francis E. Smith was found in order, placed in his hands, and by him accepted.

Rev. Messrs. William B. Waller, Francis E. Smith, and Elder Joseph T. Brown were appointed a committee to make arrangements for Mr. Smith's installation.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

SESSIONAL RECORDS.

Church.	*Minister.*	*Elders.*
Mahopac Falls,	Irving E. White,	John A. Offord.
Yonkers, 1st,	W. Hart Dexter,	Thomas Gilbert.

Rev. Messrs. Alexander Miller, J. Ritchie Smith, J. Hendrik de Vries, and Charles S. Lane, and Elders A. Noel Blakeman, Sanford R. Knapp, Edward B. Cristy, and Francis W. Marsh reported attendance at the sessions of Synod. Reports were accepted, and fidelity approved.

The communication of the stated clerk of the Synod (p. 248) was referred to a committee consisting of Rev. Messrs. William J. Cumming and John H. Eastman, and Elder Sanford R. Knapp.

Rev. John E. Bushnell was excused from further attendance upon this meeting of Presbytery.

The committee to install Rev. Anthony R. Macoubrey as pastor of the church at White Plains reported that they had discharged the duty according to the directions of Presbytery on November 10, 1891.

The committee to arrange for the installation of Rev. Francis E. Smith as pastor of the Second Church of New Rochelle, N. Y., presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Date — Tuesday, February 2, 1892, 7.30 P.M. To preside and propound the constitutional questions — Rev. William B. Waller; Rev. Charles E. Lindsley, alternate. Sermon — Rev. John R. Paxton of the Presbytery of New York, to be invited; Rev. Erskine N. White of

the Presbytery of New York, to be invited, alternate. Charge to the pastor — Rev. George Reynolds of the Presbytery of Grand Rapids, to be invited; Rev. Harris Ely Adriance, alternate. Charge to the people — Rev. Charles S. Lane; Rev. John E. Bushnell, alternate. Intermediate Meeting, January 19, 1892.

The Committee on Education made a report in reference to Licentiate Richard Henry Hughes, recommending him to the Board of Education for aid. The report was adopted, and permission was given him to pursue his studies until the end of the Seminary year at the New Haven Theological Seminary.

Rev. Messrs. Alexander W. Sproull and George W. F. Birch of the Presbytery of New York were invited to sit as corresponding members.

The Committee on the Sessional Records of the Mahopac Falls Church reported, recommending their approval without exception. Adopted.

Action on the report of the committee to which was referred the overtures from the General Assembly (p. 239) was deferred until the Spring Stated Meeting.

The reference of the communication from the Board of Home Missions in regard to appropriation for the Pound Ridge Church (p. 248) was reconsidered, and, on motion, the Treasurer of the Trustees of Presbytery was directed to pay $70 from the income of the Adams Fund to Rev. George Cornwell, stated supply of that church, and the church was recommended for the balance, $130, to the Board of Home Missions for an appropriation to that amount from the Synodical Aid Fund.

The claims of the Synodical Aid Fund for enlarged contributions from our churches was referred to the Committee on Home Missions, and they were authorized to take such action as might seem necessary.

The Committee on the Examination of Candidates (p. 241) presented a report. It was recommitted with direction to report at the Spring Stated Meeting.

The Committee on Young People's Societies presented a report giving statistics in regard to these societies in our

churches, and recommending that a circular letter expressing sympathy, etc., be sent to them in the name of the Presbytery by the committee. Adopted.

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The Sessional Records of the First Church of Yonkers were approved.

The Stated Clerk was authorized to grant a duplicate letter of dismission (p. 227) to Rev. Frederick J. Perkins to the Presbytery of Saõ Paulo, or any other Presbytery in the Synod of Brazil he may desire.

The minutes were read and approved.

Adjourned to meet in the First Presbyterian Church, Yonkers, N. Y., Tuesday, April 19, 1892.

Closed with prayer and the benediction.

W. J. CUMMING,
Stated Clerk.

J. H. EASTMAN,
Permanent Clerk.

New York City, March 16, 1892.

Special Meeting, March 16, 1892.

The Presbytery of Westchester met in the Presbyterian Mission House, 53 Fifth Avenue, New York city, Wednesday, March 16, 1892, at 10.30 A. M., pursuant to the following call:

Yonkers, N. Y., March 1, 1892.

Dear Sir:

At the request of two Ministers and two Elders (the Elders being of different congregations), in accordance with Form of Government X, 10, a special meeting of this Presbytery of Westchester will be held in the Presbyterian Mission House, 53 Fifth Avenue, New York city, Wednesday, March 16, 1892, 10.30 A. M., to issue, if the way be clear, the following business:

1. An application from Rev. Harris R. Schenck, for leave to resign the pastoral charge of the congregation in Mt. Kisco, together with the action of said congregation thereon.
2. The request of Mr. Schenck for a dismission to the Presbytery of Carlisle, and in connection therewith to take proper action regarding the proposed vacancy in the Church and Session at Mt. Kisco.
3. To appoint a minister in place of Mr. Schenck, to act as Moderator of the Session of the Pleasantville Church.
4. An application from Rev. Daniel M. Freeland for a dismission to the Presbytery of East Florida.
5. An application from Rev. John F. Lynn, for dismission to the Montana Presbytery.

G. R. CUTTING,
Moderator.

The Presbytery was constituted with prayer by the Moderator, Rev. George R. Cutting.

The roll was called and the following were found to be present:

Ministers.	*Churches.*	*Elders.*
David Murdoch.		
Edward T. Bromfield.		
Rollin A. Sawyer.		
Anthony R. Macoubrey,	White Plains.	
	Greenburgh,	Richard R. Tyers,
Richard P. H. Vail,	Stamford 1st.	
William B. Waller,	New Rochelle.	
John H. Eastman,	Katonah.	
J. Ritchie Smith,	Peekskill 1st.	
William J. Cumming,	Yorktown.	
Harris R. Schenck,	Mt. Kisco,	Joseph Banks.
Charles S. Lane,	Mt. Vernon 1st,	A. Noel Blakeman.
Arthur Requa,	Darien.	
George R. Cutting,	Westminster,	William S. Odell.
Harry R. White,	Gilead,	William H. Foster.
	Bedford,	David Travis.
	14	6

Total present,.....20

Excused for absence.— Rev. Messrs. Lewis H. Reid, J. Aspinwall Hodge, Thornton M. Niven, James H. Hoyt, Charles E. Allison.

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Corresponding Member.— Rev. Andrew Shiland of the Presbytery of New York.

The Stated Clerk presented a request from Rev. Daniel N. Freeland for dismission to the Presbytery of East Florida. On motion the request was granted.

The Rev. Harris R. Schenck reported that he had declared the pulpit of the Pleasantville Church vacant in accordance with the direction of Presbytery, and requested that another Moderator be appointed for the Session of the Church. The report was accepted, and the Rev. Anthony R. Macoubrey was so appointed.

The request of Rev. John F. Lynn for dismission to the Presbytery of Montana, was, on motion, granted.

The Rev. Harris R. Schenck asked for the dissolution of the pastoral relation between himself and the Church at Mt. Kisco, and for a letter of dismission to the Presbytery of Carlisle, to enable him to accept a call to the Falling Spring Church, Chambersburg, Pa.

Elder David E. Smith and Mr. Theodore F. Carpenter, commissioners from the congregation, appeared, and Mr. Smith read the minutes of the congregational meeting, concurring in the request. Elder Joseph Banks was also heard.

On motion, the request was granted, the dissolution to take effect March 31st.

Rev. John H. Eastman was appointed Moderator of the Session of Mt. Kisco Church, and Rev. Arthur Requa was appointed to declare the pulpit vacant on the first Sunday of April, or at such subsequent date as will be convenient for himself and the Church.

On motion, the Session of Mt. Kisco Church was granted leave to supply their pulpit until the Spring Stated Meeting of Presbytery.

Rev. Harris R. Schenck was, on motion, granted letter of dismission to the Presbytery of Carlisle.

The minutes of this meeting were read and approved.

The Presbytery adjourned to meet in the First Presbyterian Church at Yonkers, N. Y., on Tuesday, April 19, 1892. Special Meeting, March 16, 1892.

Closed with prayer.

W. J. CUMMING,
Stated Clerk.

J. H. EASTMAN,
Permanent Clerk.

HARTFORD, CONN., April 6, 1892.

Special Meeting, April 6, 1892.

The Presbytery of Westchester met at 10 Garden Street, Hartford, Conn., Wednesday, April 6, 1892, at 1 P. M., pursuant to the following call:

YONKERS, N. Y., March 16, 1892.

DEAR SIR:

At the request of two Ministers and two Elders (the Elders being of different congregations), in accordance with Form of Government X, 10, a special meeting of the Presbytery of Westchester will be held at No. 10 Garden Street, Hartford, Conn., on Wednesday, April 6, 1892, at 1 P. M., to issue, if the way be clear, the following business:

1. An application from Rev. Edwin Cone Bissell, to be received as a member of the Presbytery from the Middlesex Association.
2. The request of Mr. Bissell to be dismissed to the Presbytery of Chicago.

G. R. CUTTING,
Moderator.

The Moderator and the Stated Clerk were absent.

Rev. W. Hart Dexter, the last Moderator present, called the Presbytery to order, and it was constituted with prayer by Rev. Henry A. Davenport.

Rev. Lewis H. Reid was chosen Moderator *pro tem.*, and Rev. J. Aspinwall Hodge Clerk *pro tem.*

The call for the meeting was then read.

The roll was called and the following found to be present:

Ministers.	*Churches.*	*Elders.*
Lewis H. Reid.		
J. Aspinwall Hodge,	Hartford,	Alexander Curry.
Henry A. Davenport,	Bridgeport 1st,	David F. Hollister.
W. Hart Dexter,	Thompsonville.	

Corresponding Member.— Rev. M. W. Jacobus of the Hartford South Association.

Rev. Edwin C. Bissell applied to be received as a member of Presbytery.

He presented a certificate of membership and dismissal to the Presbytery of the Fourth Congregational Church of Hartford, a certificate of membership in good and regular standing, "greatly esteemed and beloved," of the Middlesex Association of Connecticut, and a certificate that he

had sent to the Registrar his resignation of membership in the above-mentioned association.

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These certificates were found in order and approved.

The constitutional questions propounded to our ministers at ordination were asked, and Mr. Bissell answered them in the affirmative.

It was ordered that he be received and his name entered on the roll.

The minutes were read and approved.

The Presbytery then adjourned, to meet in the First Presbyterian Church at Yonkers, N. Y., Tuesday, April 19, 1892.

Closed with prayer.

W. J. CUMMING,
Stated Clerk.

J. H. EASTMAN,
Permanent Clerk.

YONKERS, N. Y., April 19, 1892.

Spring Stated Meeting, April 19, 1890.

The Presbytery of Westchester met, pursuant to appointment, in the First Presbyterian Church, Yonkers, N. Y., Tuesday, April 19, 1892, at 3 P. M., and was constituted with prayer by Rev. Wilson Phraner.

Rev. George R. Cutting, the Moderator, presided.

The roll was called and the following found to be present:

Ministers.	*Churches.*	*Elders.*
Charles E. Lindsley (2).		
Wilson Phraner.		
David Murdoch.		
Lewis H. Reid.		
Thomas J. Evans (2).		
William Life.		
Edward T. Bromfield (2).		
J. Aspinwall Hodge,	Hartford,	Alexander Watson.
Rollin A. Sawyer (2),	White Plains,	Oliver R. Willis.
Thornton M. Niven,	Greenburgh,	Joseph Conklin.
Frederick A. M. Brown,	New Haven 1st.	
Henry M. Baird (2).		
John T. Wills (2),	Greenwich 1st.	
Alexander Miller,	Mahopac Falls,	James D. Kennard.
Richard P. H. Vail (2),	Stamford 1st,	Clarence L. Reid (2).
John Reid,	Yonkers 1st,	Hezekiah King.
Henry A. Davenport (2),	Bridgeport 1st,	Edward P. Bullard.
William B. Waller,	New Rochelle,	John G. Ross (2).
John H. Eastman,	Katonah,	Joseph Barrett (2).
William N. Richie (2),	Port Chester,	John Miller, Jr. (2).
J. Ritchie Smith,	Peekskill 1st,	Edward Wells.
James H. Hoyt.		
William J. Cumming,	Yorktown,	Enos Lee.
William K. Eddy.		
Charles E. Allison,	Dayspring,	Thomas D. Hope (2).
John H. Trussell,	S. E. Centre,	Warren S. Paddock (2).
	Throggs Neck,	John F. Barnecott (2).
Irving E. White,	Peekskill 2d,	Milton Frost.
Manfred P. Welcher,	South Salem,	Henry L. St. John.
Charles S. Lane,	Mt. Vernon 1st,	A. Noel Blakeman.
John E. Bushnell,	Rye,	William H. Parsons.
James A. McWilliams,	Sing Sing,	Stanton Cady.
John S. Allen,	Patterson,	James C. Gerow.
W. Hart Dexter,	Thompsonville.	
Arthur Requa,	Darien,	James A. Shaw (2).
George R. Cutting,	Westminster,	William McKim.
John S. Penman,	Irvington.	
J. Hendrik de Vries.		
Harris Ely Adriance (2),	Hug. Mem'l.	
Henry R. White,	Gilead,	William H. Foster.
George Cornwell (2).	Pound Ridge,	Edwin Scofield.
	Bedford,	John G. Clark.
	Mt. Kisco,	George W. Banks.
	Pleasantville,	Benjamin J. Carpenter.
	40	28

Total present,.....68

Ministers absent.— Elias S. Schenck, Chauncey D Rice, Addison K. Strong, Talman C. Perry, Andrew B. Morse, Anthony R. Macoubrey, Addison D Madeira, Edward B Allen, David A. Holbrook, Homer S. Newcomb, Theodore S. Pond, Christopher R. Brown, Robert P. Gibson, Marcellus Bowen, R. Randall Hoes, Willis W. Dowd, Charles E. Upson, Richard B. Mattice, Charles P. Fagnani, Franklin B Dwight, Francis E. Smith, Edwin C. Bissell.— 22. Spring Stated Meeting, April 19, 1892.

Churches not represented.— South East, New Haven 1st, Greenwich 1st, Croton Falls, Thompsonville, Irvington, New Rochelle 2d, Huguenot Memorial, North Salem.— 9.

Excused for absence from this meeting.— Elias S. Schenck, Addison K. Strong, Talmon C. Perry, Andrew B. Morse, Anthony R. Macoubrey, David A. Holbrook, Homer S Newcomb, Theodore S. Pond, Marcellus Bowen, Charles E. Upson, Richard B Mattice, Charles P. Fagnani, Edwin C. Bissell, Francis E. Smith.

Excused for absence from the January Intermediate Meeting. — Wilson Phraner, Frederick A. M. Brown, John S. Penman, J. Hendrik de Vries, Henry R. White.

Corresponding Members— Rev. A. S. Hobart, of the Southern New York Association of Baptist Churches, Rev. Messrs. George F. Birch, and James C. Nightingale of the Presbytery of New York, Rev. David Cole, of the Classis of Westchester of the Reformed Church, Rev. William A Beardslee, of the Classis of Saratoga of the Reformed Church, Rev. Luigi Angelini of the Free Church of Italy.

Rev. John S. Penman was elected Moderator for the next six months, and Elder Milton Frost, Temporary Clerk.

The Committee of Arrangements presented a report which was accepted, and after amendment adopted as follows :

Tuesday, 5 P. M. recess. 7.45 P. M., Instead of a sermon by the Moderator, who is excused on account of a severe cold, there will be an address by Rev. William K. Eddy of Sidon Syria, the retiring Moderator to preside.

Wednesday — 9.10 A. M, Devotional meeting led by Rev. J. Ritchie Smith. 10 A. M. to 12.15 P. M., and 2 to 5 P.M , Business sessions. 7.45 P. M., A popular meeting to be addressed by Rev. David J. Burrill of the Marble Collegiate Church, New York city. Subject, "The Bible — The inspired Word of God."

Thursday — 9 to 10 A. M , Devotional meeting to be led by Rev. Thornton M. Niven. 10 A. M. to 12.15 P. M., and 2 to 5 P. M., Business sessions.

On motion, foreign missionaries were granted permanent leave for absence from the meetings of Presbytery.

The Stated Clerk announced the death of Rev. Hugh A. McKelvey as occurring on March 14th. On motion, Rev. Henry A. Davenport and Elder David D. Hollister were appointed a committee to draft a minute for the necrology.

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A communication from the Synod's Committee on Systematic Beneficence was referred to the Committee on Systematic Beneficence.

A communication from the Board of Home Missions announced that $130 had been granted to the Pound Ridge Church, as recommended by the Presbytery (p. 251).

A communication from the Stated Clerk of Synod of New York, in regard to the Synodical Aid Fund, was referred to the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension.

A communication from the Board of Home Missions proposing a standing rule was referred to the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension.

A communication from the Women's Committee on Temperance of Philadelphia was referred to the Committee on Temperance.

A communication from the Auburn Theological Seminary referred to the Committee on Education.

A communication from the General Assembly's Committee on Temperance was referred to the Committee on Temperance.

The Report of Woman's Work for Home Missions in the Presbytery of Westchester was referred to the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension.

Rev. Franklin B. Dwight requested a letter of dismission to the Presbytery of New York, which, on motion, was granted.

An overture to the General Assembly in regard to the temporalities of the church was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

On motion, an assessment for expenses of Presbytery of $5 was made on the Second Church of New Rochelle, and the Treasurer was authorized to collect it and the Synodical assessment for this year.

The Committee on the Minutes of the Synod presented a report which was accepted, and is as follows:

The Committee call attention to the following items :

1. Plan proposed for a Synodical Missionary Congress, p. 17.

2. Recommendation of the Committee on Sunday-School Work, p. 21. Spring Stated Meeting, April 19, 1892.

3. Recommendation that each Presbytery endow a permanent scholarship in Hamilton College, p. 25.

4. The overture relating to Synodical Aid work, p. 26.

5. Presbyteries are urged to press the needs of the Synodical Aid work upon the churches, p. 33.

6. Attention of Presbyteries is called to the recommendation of the General Assembly urging larger and more general contributions to the Board of Missions for Freedmen, p. 42.

A communication from the Committee on Ministerial Relief of St. Lawrence Presbytery was referred to the Committee on Ministerial Relief.

The call of the Pound Ridge Church for the pastoral services of Licentiate Joseph F. Folsom was made the third order for to-morrow morning.

The Committee on the overtures sent down by the General Assembly (p. 251) presented a report which was accepted and adopted and is as follows :

Your committee would recommend :

1. That the Presbytery of Westchester answer the overture to amend Sect. 118 of the Book of Discipline in the negative.

2. That the following overture be sent to the General Assembly to be transmitted to the Presbyteries for their approval :

Shall the Book of Discipline be so amended that Chap. XIII, Sec. 118, shall read as follows :

CHAPTER XIII.

118. The General Assembly, each Synod, and each Presbytery under its care shall have power to appoint Judicial Commissions from their respective bodies, consisting of ministers and elders in number not less than eighteen from the General Assembly, not less than twelve from any Synod, and not less than seven from any Presbytery.

119. All judicial cases may be submitted to such commissions, and their decisions shall be subject to reversal only by the superior judicatory or judicatories, except in matters of law, which shall be referred to the appointing judicatory for adjudication ; and also all matters of constitution and doctrine, which may be reviewed in the appointing body and by the superior judicatory or judicatories.

120. Such commissions shall sit at the same time and place as the bodies appointing them, and their findings shall be entered upon the minutes of the appointing body; provided, however, that a commission appointed by a Presbytery may also sit during the intervals between the meetings of the appointing Presbytery. The quorum of any such commission shall not be less in number than three-fourths of the members appointed, and shall be the same in all other respects as the quorum of the judicatory appointing it.

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A petition was presented from residents of Hastings-on-Hudson for the organization of a Presbyterian Church in that village. The petition was received and Mr. W. Phillips was heard as representing the petitioners. Referred to the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension.

The Committee on Communication from the Stated Clerk of Synod in regard to attendance of delegates on meetings of Synod presented a report, which was accepted and its recommendations adopted. It is as follows:

> The committee find that for five years past, there has been an average attendance of twelve out of fourteen delegates, and when we bear in mind that four of these meetings have been in distant parts of the State, we congratulate ourselves on the commendable fidelity of our delegates. The fact that an entire day would be lost, accounts for so few having remained in some years for the short closing session on Friday morning. So far as these facts are concerned your committee think that no action is necessary on part of our Presbytery.
>
> But in view of the fact that we often have difficulty and delay in the election of delegates because of the inability of many to discharge the duty, your committee recommends that at the June Intermediate Meeting in each year of two ministers and one elder be appointed to report at the Stated Fall Meeting nominations of delegates to the Synod.

The minute on the death of Elder Alexander Spence (p. 233) was presented, and was ordered to be entered in the necrology.

The Committee appointed to install Rev. Francis E. Smith as pastor of the Second Church of New Rochelle, N. Y., reported that the installation took place in accordance with the order of Presbytery.

Recess was taken until 7.45 P. M.

Closed with prayer.

Tuesday, 7.45 P. M.

The Presbytery reassembled.

After devotional exercises Rev. William K. Eddy made an address on "Mission Work in Syria," in the place of the retiring Moderator, who was excused on account of a severe cold.

After these services business was resumed, and the Moderator announced the following committees:

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I. Bills and Overtures.

Ministers. — George R. Cutting, William B. Waller, Charles S. Lane.
Elders. — William H. Parsons, A. Noel Blakeman.

II. Judicial Business.

Ministers. — John E. Bushnell, Irving E. White, Harris Ely Adriance.
Elders. — Edward Wells, Hezekiah King.

III. Leave of Absence.

Minister. — William J. Cumming.
Elder. — Milton Frost.

Adjourned until 9 A. M. to-morrow.
Closed with prayer.

Wednesday, April 20, 1892.

The Presbytery met at 9 A. M., and spent the first hour in devotional services.

The roll was called, and the following not present yesterday answered to their names:

Ministers. — Charles E. Lindsley, Edward T. Bromfield, Rollin A. Sawyer, Henry M. Baird, John T. Wills, Richard P. H. Vail, Henry A. Davenport, William N. Richie, Harris Ely Adriance, George Cornwell.
Elders. — Clarence L. Reid, John G. Ross, Joseph Barrett, John Miller, Jr., Thomas D. Hope, Warren S. Paddock, John F. Barnecott, James A. Shaw.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

Rev. A. S. Hobart of the Southern New York Association of Baptist churches was invited to sit as corresponding member.

Calls from the Pleasantville and Bedford churches were made, in connection with that of the Pound Ridge Church, the third order of the morning session.

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The following were nominated for commissioners to the General Assembly:

Ministers. — James A. McWilliams, Charles S. Lane, Irving E. White, William K. Eddy, William B. Waller, George R. Cutting, John S. Allen, J. Hendrik de Vries, J. Aspinwall Hodge, John S. Penman.

Elders. — Edward Wells, Clarence L. Reid, Joseph Barrett, A. Noel Blakeman, William H. Parsons, Ralph E. Prime, John G. Clark, William A. Burnham.

The second order of the day was then taken up — the examination of the candidates for the ministry.

The Committee on Education presented Elder Oliver P. Willis of the White Plains Church and Robert H. Life as candidates for the ministry.

Licentiate Joseph F. Folsom was received by letter of dismission from the Presbytery of Newark.

Rev. Thomas J. Evans was received by letter of dismission from the Presbytery of Brooklyn, and his name ordered to be placed upon the roll.

The communication from the Committee on Ministerial Relief of the St. Lawrence Presbytery, owing to the absence of the members of the Standing Committee of this Presbytery, to which it was referred yesterday (p. 261), was referred to a special committee consisting of Rev. James A. McWilliams and Elder A. Noel Blakeman.

Licentiate Robert R. White's examination for licensure was, on motion, accepted as his examination for ordination.

Candidates Oliver R. Willis, Edward L. Parsons, Benjamin W. Labaree, and Robert Irwin MacBride were examined for licensure, and Licentiate Joseph F. Folsom for ordination. They were examined in church history and systematic theology.

Rev. George W. F. Birch and James C. Nightingale of the Presbytery of New York and Rev. Luigi Angelini of the Free Church of Italy were invited to sit as corresponding members.

Pending the examination, a recess was taken until 2 P. M.

Closed with prayer.

Wednesday, 2 P. M.

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The Presbytery reassembled after recess.

The first order for the afternoon — the election of commissioners to the General Assembly — was then taken up, and the following were appointed tellers:

Votes for Ministers. — Rev. Richard P. H. Vail and Elder James F. Kennard.

Votes for Elders. — Rev. Arthur Requa and Elder Stanton Cady.

Pending the election, the call of Pound Ridge Church for the pastoral services of Licentiate Joseph F. Folsom was presented. The commissioners from the church were heard. The call was found in order, and laid on the table until after the examination of Mr. Folsom.

A call from the Bedford Church for the pastoral services of Licentiate Robert R. White was presented. Elder John G. Clark was heard as commissioner from the church. The call was found in order, placed in Mr. White's hands, and by him accepted. Rev. John H. Eastman and Elder John G. Clark were appointed a committee to arrange for Mr. White's installation.

A call from the Pleasantville Church for the pastoral services of Rev. Henry R. White was presented. Mr. Samuel G. Cornish was heard as commissioner from the Gilead Church, of which Mr. White is at present pastor. Elder Benjamin J. Carpenter was heard as commissioner from the Pleasantville Church. Rev. Henry R. White was also heard.

On motion, the pastoral relation between the Gilead Church and Rev. Henry R. White was dissolved, the dissolution to take effect immediately.

Rev. Robert P. Gibson was appointed to declare the pulpit vacant, date to be determined by himself and the church.

The call from the Pleasantville Church was found in order, and laid on the table.

The tellers presented their report, and the following

were declared elected commissioners to the General Assembly:

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PRINCIPALS.

Ministers.	*Elders.*
James A. McWilliams,	Clarence L. Reid,
Irving E. White,	Joseph Barrett,
Charles S. Lane,	William H. Parsons.

ALTERNATES.

George R. Cutting,	Edward Wells,
J. Aspinwall Hodge,	Ralph E. Prime,
William K. Eddy,	John G. Clark.

The examination of the candidates was then resumed in systematic theology.

Rev. David Cole of the Classis of Westchester of the Reformed Church was invited to sit as corresponding member.

The candidates were examined on the sacraments and church polity.

On motion, the session was extended half an hour.

The Committee on Languages reported that they had received the theses and exegeses of Messrs. Parsons, Labaree, and MacBride, and had examined the candidates in the languages, and recommended their approval. No papers had been received from Mr. Oliver R. Willis. Report was accepted and adopted.

The Committee on Philosophy, Astronomy, and Rhetoric reported that they had examined the sermons and lectures of Messrs. Labaree, Parsons, and MacBride, and recommended their approval. The report was accepted and adopted.

On motion, the examination of Candidate Oliver R. Willis in Hebrew was omitted.

Rev. William A. Beardslee of the Classis of Saratoga of the Reformed Church was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

On motion, it was ordered that the vote on the examination of the candidates be taken separately.

The examination of Candidate MacBride was sustained.

A recess was then taken until 7.45 P. M.

Closed with prayer.

Wednesday, 7.45 P. M.

The Presbytery reassembled.

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After devotional exercises, Rev. David J. Burrill of New York city delivered an address on "The Bible — the Inspired Word of God."

Business was then resumed.

The committee to make arrangements for the ordination and installation of Licentiate Robert R. White as pastor of the church at Bedford, N. Y., reported as follows:

Date — June 21, 1892, 2.30 P. M. To preside and propound the constitutional questions — The Moderator. Sermon — Rev. John Reid; Rev. Henry A. Davenport, alternate. Charge to the pastor — Rev. John H. Eastman; Rev. Charles E. Allison, alternate. Charge to the people — Rev. James H. Hoyt; Rev. William J. Cumming, alternate. Ordaining prayer — Rev. George Cornwell; the Moderator, alternate.

The Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension reported, recommending that aid to the amount of $250 be asked from the Board of Home Missions for the First Church of New Haven, Conn., and from the Synodical Aid Fund to the amount of $200 for the Pound Ridge Church. The recommendations were adopted.

The committee further reported upon the application for the organization of a church at Hastings, recommending that Rev. Messrs. John Reid and Henry M. Baird and Elder Stanton Cady be appointed a committee to examine into the case, and report at the Fall Stated Meeting. The recommendation was adopted.

An invitation was received from the Bedford Church for the June Intermediate Meeting. Accepted.

The Committee on Judicial Business reported no business.

Moderators of the Sessions of vacant churches were appointed as follows:

Rev. Robert P. Gibson, North Salem.
Rev. George Cornwell, Pound Ridge.
Rev. Richard B. Mattice, Throggs Neck.
Rev. William N. Richie, Port Chester.
Rev. John H. Eastman, Bedford.
Rev. John H. Eastman, Mt. Kisco.
Rev. Henry R. White, Pleasantville.
Rev. John H. Trussell, Gilead.

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The Sessions of these churches were authorized to supply their pulpits until the next stated meeting of Presbytery.

It was ordered that the narrative be read at the devotional service to-morrow morning.

The Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension reported that they were prepared to recommend that no action be taken in reference to the overture of Synod relating to the Synodical Aid Fund.

Adjourned to meet at 8.30 A. M. to-morrow morning.

Closed with prayer.

Thursday, April 21, 1892.

The Presbytery met at 8.30 A. M., and spent the first hour in devotional exercises, led by Rev. T. M. Niven.

The Narrative was read.

The business session was opened with prayer.

On motion, the calling of the roll was omitted.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

The Narrative was accepted and adopted, and it was ordered that an abstract be entered on the minutes and forwarded to the General Assembly. It is as follows:

I. Public Worship.

The churches have been well supplied, and the attendance has been very encouraging. Only three out of thirty-six churches reporting indicate any particular laxity with respect to the attendance of children and youth of the church at the Lord's Day public services. Generally speaking, the reports on this point are highly encouraging. From one church we hear that "151 attend church from an average of 178 at the Sabbath-school."

II. Sabbath-Schools.

The condition of the Sabbath-schools is decidedly encouraging, with but one exception. The Shorter Catechism is taught in all our churches except five. The Westminster Lesson Helps are used with but very few exceptions. There are eight mission schools, the most of which seem to be doing a good work.

III. Meetings for Prayer.

Meetings for social worship are observed in all the churches save one. Several of the churches have no monthly missionary service. Generally speaking, the interest in those held is fairly well-sustained; in several instances enthusiastically. Spring Stated Meeting, April 21, 1892.

IV. Family Religion.

Christians are generally faithful in presenting their children for baptism. The obligations of family worship and Christian training of children seem to be, to a considerable extent, urged in public and private instruction. The number of baptized persons admitted to the Lord's table indicates that God's covenant is generally honored by the churches.

V. Benevolence.

Nearly all the churches give to the Boards according to a definite plan. Twenty-four churches report an advance. All but six Sabbath-schools contribute statedly to benevolent objects. Proper provision seems to be made for the poor of the church.

VI. Organizations for Church Work.

With scarcely an exception, the churches have some such organization. The objects included are missions, church finance, and sociability. With one exception, the interest in them is encouraging. There are Young People's Societies in most of the churches, and they are very helpful.

VII. Revivals.

In only a few instances has there been any marked religious awakening among the churches. A few reports are really inspiring. Three churches alone report nearly 300. Loyalty to the pastor, increased attendance at church and prayer-meetings, increase of spiritual life among members, increased interest in Sabbath-school and Young People's Societies, enthusiasm in giving, unity of feeling, more charitableness, more interest in evangelistic work, are among the signs of spiritual prosperity.

VIII. Miscellaneous.

The financial obligations are met with only three exceptions. There are no unusual obstacles to the progress of religion. There are these great ones — influx of Roman Catholics, unwholesome influence of summer resorts, baneful influence of infidels; but by far the greatest of all, and the one most emphasized in reports, is the rum power. The measures for moral reform employed are pulpit and Sabbath-school instruction, Law and Order Leagues, Gospel temperance services, and one church has a paper published weekly in the interests of moral reform.

The following minute was adopted, and it was ordered that a copy be sent to the Ladies' Missionary Society of the Presbytery:

In connection with the grateful reference in our narrative to the thorough organization of woman's work of the churches of this Presbytery, Presbytery recognizes the results of the earnest and faithful

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work of Mrs. Cady, the late President of our Ladies' Missionary Society. In the lamented death of this excellent woman Presbytery realizes that the churches and the cause of Christian missions have met with a loss of no ordinary character, inasmuch as a place is left vacant which it will be difficult to fill. Expressing sympathy with those specially afflicted in this dispensation, Presbytery commends anew our woman's work to the appreciation of all our churches, and prays that our sisters may be wisely directed in the selection of a successor to the late honored and useful President.

A statement was made in regard to the work of the Women's Board in our Presbytery.

The unfinished business was then taken up.

Action in the case of Candidate Oliver R. Willis was deferred to the June meeting.

The roll was called and the examination of Mr. Labaree was sustained.

The roll was then called on the examination of Mr. Parsons.

During the calling of the roll, hour for recess arrived, and the session was extended during the pleasure of Presbytery.

The examination of Mr. Parsons in the languages, written parts of trial, Church History, Church Polity, and Sacraments, was approved.

On motion, the examination of Mr. Parsons was laid on the table until after recess.

Recess was taken until 1.50 P. M.

Closed with prayer.

Thursday, 1.50 P. M.

The Presbytery reassembled and was opened with prayer.

The committee, to which the paper on Ministerial Relief was referred (p. 264), reported recommending that Mrs. Jennie L. Sceley be recommended to the Board of Ministerial Relief for aid to the amount of $300. Adopted.

The Committee on Temperance reported recommending that the consideration of the request of the Woman's Christian Temperance Association for the organization of

a branch in the Presbytery be deferred to the Fall Stated Meeting. Adopted.

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The committee further reported recommending that Presbytery overture the General Assembly to memorialize Congress regarding the sale of liquor and Sabbath closing at the Columbian Exposition, and the sale of liquor in Alaska.

The Committee on Systematic Beneficence reported the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That Presbytery approve the holding of a Synodical Missionary Congress, and would make the following suggestions to the Special Committee having charge of the subject:

1. That one or more such congresses be held on trial before it is made a permanent institution; and
2. That the time and place of holding such congresses be left entirely to the discretion of the committee having charge of the same.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported on the paper referred to them (p. 260), recommending that an overture covering the points involved be sent to the General Assembly. The report was accepted and adopted. The overture is as follows:

The Presbytery of Westchester respectfully overtures the General Assembly asking that some proper inquiry be made by the assembly into the generally prevalent methods of managing the temporalities of our congregations by means of Boards of Trustees; and that if these methods are found to be defective or injurious, that some measures shall be taken to amend them.

Rev. Arthur Requa reported that he had declared the pulpit of the Mt. Kisco Church vacant April 10th.

On motion, Candidate Parsons was invited to make a further statement of his views.

On motion, Candidate Folsom was invited to make a similar statement.

Mr. Parsons gave a statement of his views regarding the inspiration of the Scriptures, the atonement, and eschatology, and was further examined.

Mr. Folsom made a statement of his views regarding eschatology, and was further examined.

On motion, it was ordered that a committee of five be appointed to confer with Mr. Parsons, the committee

to report at the June Intermediate Meeting, and that in the meantime his examination be laid on the table.

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The Moderator appointed the following committee:

Ministers. — J. Ritchie Smith, Wilson Phraner, and George R. Cutting.

Elders. — William H. Parsons and Edward Wells.

The roll was called on the examination of Mr. Folsom, and his examination was sustained.

The reading of the sermons was omitted.

On motion, Candidates Benjamin W. Labaree and Robert Irwin MacBride were licensed to preach the Gospel, after assenting to the constitutional questions.

The call of the Pound Ridge Church for the pastoral services of Licentiate Joseph F. Folsom was taken from the table (p. 265), placed in his hands, and by him accepted.

The following arrangements were made for Mr. Folsom's ordination and installation:

Date — Tuesday, June 21, 1892, 7.30 P. M. To preside and propound the constitutional questions — The Moderator. Sermon — Rev. Richard P. H. Vail; Rev. Charles S. Lane, alternate. Charge to the pastor — Rev. James H. Hoyt; Rev. Henry A. Davenport, alternate. Ordaining prayer — Rev. William J. Cumming; Rev. Manfred P. Welcher, alternate.

The report of the Committee on Examination of Candidates (p. 251) was deferred to the June Intermediate Meeting.

On motion, the Committee on Foreign Missions, with the Session of Yorktown Church, were authorized to make arrangements for a service in connection with the departure of Rev. George Cornwell for the foreign field.

The Committee on Leave of Absence presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Your committee have granted leave of absence to the following:

Ministers. — Lewis H. Reid, Thomas J. Evans, John T. Wills, William N. Richie, John H. Eastman, W. Hart Dexter, Frederick A. M. Brown, Rollin A. Sawyer, David Murdoch, John S. Allen.

Elders. — John F. Barnecott, George W. Banks, John Miller, Clarence L. Reid, Milton Frost, Alexander Watson, Henry L. St. John, James C. Gerow, A. Noel Blakeman, Enos Lee.

A resolution of hearty thanks was adopted to pastor, officers, and ladies of the church for their generous hospitality. Spring Stated Meeting, April 21, 1892.

The roll was called, and the following were found to have withdrawn without leave :

Ministers. — Charles E. Lindsley, William Life, Henry M. Baird, Henry A. Davenport, James H. Hoyt, John H. Trussell, Harris Ely Adriance, George Cornwell.

Elders — James F. Kennard, Edward P. Bullard, John G. Ross, Joseph Barrett, Thomas F. Hope, Warren S. Paddock, James A. Shaw, William McKim, William H. Scofield, John G. Clark, Benjamin J. Carpenter.

The minutes of to-day's sessions were read and approved.

The Presbytery then adjourned, to meet in the Presbyterian Church, Bedford, N. Y., on June 21, 1892.

W. J. CUMMING,
Stated Clerk.

J. H. EASTMAN,
Permanent Clerk.

OFFICERS OF THE PRESBYTERY.

Moderator — John S. Penman, Irvington, N. Y.; Stated Clerk and Treasurer — Rev. William J. Cumming, Yorktown, N. Y.; Permanent Clerk — John H. Eastman, Katonah, N. Y.

TRUSTEES.

Ministers. — Rollin A. Sawyer, Richard P. H. Vail, Thornton M. Niven, John E. Bushnell.

Elders. — Edward Wells (Clerk, Peekskill, N. Y.), Uriah Hill, William H. Parsons, Thomas G. Ritch (Treasurer, Stamford, Conn.), Benjamin Weed.

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1892.

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Churches,	37	Added on Examination,	405
Sunday-schools,	44	Added on Certificate,	273
Ministers,	61	Total Communicants,	7,120
Licentiates,	10	Adults Baptized,	100
Candidates,	6	Infants Baptized,	211
Elders,	150	Sunday-school Membership,	6,566
Deacons,	55		

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Home Missions,	$14,916	Synodical Aid Fund,	$729
Foreign Missions,	9,264	Aid for Colleges,	676
Education,	835	General Assembly,	837
Sunday-school work,	1,366	Congregational,	146,736
Church Erection,	1,726	American Bible Society,	670
Relief Fund,	1,720	Miscellaneous,	12,735
Freedmen,	1,445		
Total,			$193,655

Intermediate Meeting, June 21, 1892.

BEDFORD, N. Y., June 21, 1892.

The Presbytery of Westchester met, pursuant to appointment, in the Presbyterian Church, Bedford, N. Y., Tuesday, June 21, 1892, at 11 A. M., and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator, Rev. John S. Penman.

The roll was called and the following found to be present:

Ministers.	*Churches.*	*Elders.*
Addison K. Strong.		
Wilson Phraner.		
Edward C. Bissell.		
Anthony P. Macoubrey,	White Plains.	
Thornton M. Niven,	Greenburgh,	Jacob T. Wheeler.
	Greenwich 1st,	Shadrach M. Brush.
Alexander Miller,	Mahopac Falls.	
Robert P. Gibson,	Croton Falls.	
John Reid,	Yonkers 1st,	Hezekiah King.
John H. Eastman,	Katonah.	
J. Ritchie Smith,	Peekskill 1st,	Uriah Hill.
James H. Hoyt.		
William J. Cumming,	Yorktown,	Henry White.
John H. Trussell,	S. E. Centre.	
	South Salem,	Henry L. St. John.
	Sing Sing,	Stanton Cady.
John S. Allen,	Patterson.	
Arthur Requa,	Darien,	Sands Bishop.
George R. Cutting,	Westminster,	Charles R. Otis.
John S. Penman,	Irvington,	John T. Terry.
Henry R. White,	Pleasantville,	Benj. J. Carpenter.
George Cornwell,	Pound Ridge,	Edwin Scofield.
	Bedford,	St. John Owen.
	Mt. Kisco,	Joseph Banks.
	19	14
Total present,.....		33

Ministers absent. — Elias S. Schenck, Chauncey D. Rice, Charles E. Lindsley, David Murdoch, Lewis H. Reid, Thomas J. Evans, William Life, Edward T. Bromfield, Talmon C. Perry, Andrew B. Morse, J. Aspinwall Hodge, Rollin A. Sawyer, Addison D. Madeira, Edward B. Allen, Frederick A. M. Brown, David A. Holbrook, Henry M. Baird, John T. Wills, Homer S. Newcomb, Theodore S. Pond, Christopher R. Brown, Richard P. H. Vail, Marcellus Bowen, Henry A. Davenport, William B. Waller, R. Randall Hoes, Willis W. Dowd, Charles E. Upson, William N. Richie, William K. Eddy, Charles E. Allison, Richard B. Mattice, Irving E. White, Manfred P. Welcher, Charles P. Fagnani, Charles S. Lane, John E. Bushnell, James A. McWilliams, W. Hart Dexter, J. Hendrik de Vries, Francis E. Smith, Harris Ely Adriance. — 42.

Churches not represented. — Hartford, White Plains, South East, New Haven 1st, Mahopac Falls, Stamford 1st, Croton Falls, Bridgeport 1st, New Rochelle, Katonah, Port Chester, Dayspring, South

East Centre, Throggs Neck, Peekskill 2d, Mt. Vernon 1st, Rye, Patterson, Thompsonville, New Rochelle 2d, Huguenot Memorial, North Salem, Gilead. — 23.

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Excused for absence. — Rev. Messrs. Chauncey D. Rice, Charles S. Lane, Lewis H. Reid, David Murdoch, Charles E. Allison, Manfred P. Welcher, James A. McWilliams, John E. Bushnell, and Elder William H. Parsons.

Communications from Rev. David Murdoch and Board of Ministerial Relief were referred to a committee consisting of Rev. John H. Trussell and Elder Charles R. Otis.

Licentiate William Edgar Plumley was received by letter from the Presbytery of Elizabeth.

Rev. Messrs. J. Ritchie Smith and Thornton M. Niven and Elder Stanton Cady were appointed a committee to revise standing committees and nominate delegates to the Synod.

The call of the Pleasantville Church for the pastoral services of Rev. Henry R. White was taken from the table (p. 265), placed in his hands, and by him accepted. On motion, Rev. Mr. White and Elder Benjamin J. Carpenter were appointed a committee to make arrangements for the installation.

The Committee on the Examination of Candidates (p. 272) presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Your committee recommend that the Standing Rules of the Presbytery of Westchester, Nos. 8, 9, 10, and 18, as far as they relate to candidates and examinations, be amended as follows:

I. The examination of all candidates as to their religious experience and motives for entering the ministry shall be conducted by the Moderator in open Presbytery, and may occur at any time.

II. Subsequent examinations shall be conducted primarily through a "Standing Committee on Examinations," appointed as all other standing committees.

III. This "Standing Committee on Examinations" shall consist of nine members sub-divided as follows: Art, Sciences, and Ancient Languages, 3; Church History, Governments, and Sacraments, 3; Theology, 3. The "Latin Exegesis" and "Critical Exercise" shall be previously sent for examination to the chairman of the Sub-committee on Arts, Sciences, and Ancient Languages; the "Lecture" to the chairman of the Sub-committee on Church History, Government, and Sacraments; and the "Sermon" to the chairman of the Sub-committee on Theology.

IV. The candidates for ordination shall be carefully examined upon church discipline by the Sub-committee on Church History, Government, and Sacraments.

V. The regular time of examination of licentiates and candidates before the committees shall be on the opening day of Spring and Fall Stated Meetings, and the place shall be where the Presbytery is then called to meet, or at such other times and places as Presbytery may direct; and the subsequent examination in open Presbytery and the report of the committee, unless otherwise ordered, shall be made the second order of the afternoon of the second day. Intermediate Meeting, June 21, 1892.

VI. All members of the Presbytery or friends of the candidates may be present at all examinations.

VII. The committee shall be empowered to appoint temporary substitutes on the sub-committees, in the absence of the members.

VIII. When the candidates come before open Presbytery each one shall read a brief, comprehensive written statement of his theological belief as a basis of his open examination in theology by the committee and Presbytery. He shall also deliver before Presbytery such a portion of his sermon as the committee that examined his sermon shall suggest.

IX. After all examinations before committee and Presbytery have been concluded, the candidates shall retire from Presbytery, and the report of the examining committee with its recommendations shall be submitted to Presbytery through the chairman. Any candidate may then be called before Presbytery to supplement any previous examination before the committee by examination before Presbytery. The sustaining of the parts of trial and the examination shall be by calling the roll of the Presbytery with an opportunity for remarks by each presbyter.

X. The chairman of the "Committee on Examinations" shall send information through a printed blank to all candidates, giving time and place of examinations; names and addresses to which the four assigned parts shall be sent and when due; together with such information concerning the scope of the examination as candidates ought to know, in advance of the examinations.

The Committee on Philosophy, Astronomy, and Rhetoric reported on the sermon and lecture of Candidate Oliver R. Willis, recommending their approval. The report was accepted and adopted.

In the absence of the report of the Committee on Languages upon papers referred to them, further action upon the examination of Candidate Willis was deferred until the Fall Stated Meeting.

The committee appointed to confer with Candidate Edward L. Parsons (p. 271), reported recommending that he have leave to withdraw his application for licensure. Adopted.

The application from the Pleasantville Church for an appropriation from the Synodical Aid Fund was referred to the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension.

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The Stated and Permanent Clerks were appointed a committee to codify the standing rules of Presbytery.

The Stated Clerk was directed to furnish all the members and elders of our churches with copies of the report of General Assembly's Committee on Revision of the Confession of Faith.

The committee to which was referred communications from Rev. David Murdoch and the Board of Ministerial Relief (p. 276) reported recommending Mr. Murdoch to the Board of Ministerial Relief for aid to the amount of $300. The committee also reported that the communication from the Board required no action. The report was accepted and its recommendation adopted.

Word was received from Rev. Richard P. H. Vail that he would be unable to preach the sermon at the ordination of Licentiate Joseph F. Folsom at Pound Ridge this evening (p. 272). Rev. John Reid was appointed in his place.

The death of Elder Edmund S. Mills of the Greenburgh Church was announced as having occurred in May. Rev. Thornton M. Niven was appointed to draft a minute for the Necrology.

The death of Elder Isaac Varian of the Peekskill First Church was announced, and Rev. J. Ritchie Smith was appointed to prepare a minute for the Necrology.

Recess was taken to 2.30 P. M.

Closed with prayer.

2.30 P. M.

The Presbytery reassembled after recess, and after devotional exercises proceeded to the ordination and installation of Licentiate Robert R. White and his installation as pastor of the Bedford Church.

The Moderator presided.

The sermon was preached by Rev. John Reid from Hebrews 13 : 8 — "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to-day, and forever."

The Moderator stated the action of Presbytery and propounded the constitutional questions. Intermediate Meeting, June 21, 1892.

Rev. George Cornwell offered the ordaining prayer.

Rev. John H. Eastman delivered the charge to the pastor, and Rev. James H. Hoyt that to the people.

Benediction was pronounced by Rev. Robert R. White.

Business was then resumed.

The committee to make arrangements for the installation of Rev. Henry R. White at Pleasantville presented a report which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Date — Monday, June 27, 1892, 7 P. M. To preside and propound the constitutional questions — The Moderator. Sermon — Rev. Wilson Phraner; Rev. Alexander Miller, alternate. Charge to the pastor — Rev. Charles E. Allison; Rev. George Cornwell, alternate. Charge to the people — Rev. Arthur Requa; Rev. John S. Allen, alternate.

The Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension reported on the application of the Pleasantville Church (p. 277), recommending it to the Board of Home Missions for aid to the amount of $200 from the Synodical Aid Fund. Adopted.

An invitation from the Sing Sing Church for the Fall Stated Meeting was accepted with thanks.

Rev. Edward C. Bissell was appointed to offer the ordaining prayer in the place of Rev. William J. Cumming at the ordination of Licentiate Joseph F. Folsom, and Rev. John H. Eastman to deliver the charge to the pastor in the place of Rev. James H. Hoyt (p. 272). (Rev. George Cornwell was appointed at the Spring Stated Meeting to give the charge to the people, with Rev. John H. Eastman as alternate. Their names were by error omitted from the proper place on p. 272.)

The Stated Clerk was directed to enter the name of Rev. Robert R. White on the roll.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the people of Bedford Church for their hospitality.

The minutes were read and approved.

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The Presbytery adjourned to meet in the Presbyterian Church, Pound Ridge, N. Y., at 7.30 P. M.

Closed with prayer and the benediction.

W. J. CUMMING,
Stated Clerk.

J. H. EASTMAN,
Permanent Clerk.

Adjourned Meeting, June 21, 1892.

POUND RIDGE, N. Y., June 21, 1892.

The Presbytery of Westchester met pursuant to adjournment in the Presbyterian Church, Pound Ridge, N. Y., Tuesday, June 21, 1892, at 7.30 P. M., and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator, Rev. John S. Penman.

The roll was called and the following were found to be present:

Ministers.	*Churches.*	*Elders.*	
Edwin C. Bissell.			
Robert P. Gibson,	Croton Falls.		
John Reid,	Yonkers 1st.		
John H. Eastman,	Katonah.		
	South Salem,	Henry L. St. John.	
	Westminster,	Charles R. Otis.	
John S. Penman,	Irvington.		
Henry R. White,	Pleasantville.		
George Cornwell,	Pound Ridge,	Joseph Scofield.	
Robert R. White,	Bedford.		
	8		3
Total present,.....			11

After further devotional services the Presbytery proceeded to the ordination of Licentiate Joseph F. Folsom, and to his installation as pastor of the Pound Ridge Church.

In accordance with the arrangement of Presbytery (p. 278), the sermon was preached by Rev. John Reid from Matt. 15 : 28 — "O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt."

The action of Presbytery was stated, and the constitutional questions propounded by the Moderator.

The ordaining prayer was offered by Rev. Edwin C. Bissell (p. 279).

The charge to the pastor was given by Rev. John H. Eastman, and the charge to the people by Rev. George Cornwell.

It was ordered that the name of Rev. Joseph F. Folsom be entered on the roll.

The minutes were read and approved.

Adjourned Meeting, June 21, 1892.

The Presbytery then adjourned to meet in Sing Sing, N. Y., Tuesday, October 4, 1892.

Closed with prayer and the benediction.

W. J. CUMMING,
Stated Clerk.

J. H. EASTMAN,
Permanent Clerk.

Sing Sing, N. Y., October 4, 1892.

Fall Stated Meeting, Oct 4, 1892.

The Presbytery of Westchester met, pursuant to appointment, in the Presbyterian Church, Sing Sing, N. Y., Tuesday, October 4, 1892, at 3 P. M., and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator, Rev. John S. Penman.

The roll was called and the following found to be present:

Ministers.	*Churches.*	*Elders.*
Chauncey D. Rice.		
Wilson Phraner.		
Thomas J. Evans.		
Talmon C. Perry.		
J. Aspinwall Hodge,	Hartford,	John Johnston (2).
Rollin A. Sawyer (2).		
Anthony R. Macoubrey (2),	White Plains.	
	South East,	Thomas S. Lawrence.
Thornton M. Niven,	Greenburgh,	Joseph Conklin.
Frederick A. M. Brown,	New Haven 1st.	
David A. Holbrook.		
John T. Wills,	Greenwich 1st,	Edwin A. Knapp (2).
Homer S. Newcomb.		
Christopher R. Brown.		
Alexander Miller,	Mahopac Falls.	
Richard P. H. Vail (2),	Stamford 1st,	Thomas G. Ritch (2).
Robert P. Gibson,	Croton Falls.	
John Reid (2),	Yonkers 1st.	
	Bridgeport 1st,	Francis W. Marsh.
William B. Waller (2),	New Rochelle,	John G. Ross (2).
John H. Eastman,	Katonah.	
William N. Richie (2),	Port Chester,	John Miller, Jr. (2).
J. Ritchie Smith,	Peekskill 1st,	Edward Wells.
James H. Hoyt (2).		
William J. Cumming,	Yorktown,	Daniel H. Knapp.
William K. Eddy.		
Charles E. Allison (2),	Dayspring,	Thomas F. Hope (2).
John H. Trussell,	S. E. Centre.	
Richard B. Mattice,	Throggs Neck.	
Irving E. White,	Peekskill 2d,	Milton Frost.
Manfred P. Welcher,	South Salem,	Edwin Bouton.
Charles S. Lane,	Mt. Vernon 1st,	John Irwin.
John E. Bushnell,	Rye,	William H. Parsons.
James A. McWilliams,	Sing Sing,	Stanton Cady.
John S. Allen (2),	Patterson,	James A. Merritt (2).
Arthur Requa,	Darien,	James C. Jones.
George R. Cutting,	Westminster,	Alex. O. Kirkwood.
John S. Penman,	Irvington.	
J. Hendrik de Vries.		
	New Rochelle 2d,	Charles E. Harvey.
Harris Ely Adriance (2),	Hug. Mem'l,	David I. Carson.
Henry R. White,	Pleasantville,	Willet C. Brown.
Robert R. White (2),	Bedford,	David Travis (2).
Joseph D. Folsom,	Pound Ridge.	
	Mt. Kisco,	Joseph Banks.
	Gilead,	William H. Foster (2).
	41	25

Total present,.....66

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Ministers absent.— Elias S. Schenck, Addison K. Strong, Charles E. Lindsley, David Murdoch, Lewis H. Reid, William Life, Edward T. Bromfield, Andrew B. Morse, Edwin Cone Bissell, Addison D. Madeira, Edward B. Allen, Henry M. Baird, Theodore S. Pond, Marcellus Bowen, Henry A. Davenport, R. Randall Hoes, Willis W. Dowd, Charles E. Upson, Charles P. Fagnani, W. Hart Dexter, Francis E. Smith, George Cornwell.— 22.

Churches not represented.— White Plains, New Haven 1st, Mahopac Falls, Croton Falls, Yonkers 1st, Katonah, South East Centre, Throggs Neck, Thompsonville, Irvington, Pound Ridge, North Salem.— 12.

Excused for absence.— Elias S. Schenck, Addison K. Strong, Lewis H. Reid, Andrew B. Morse, Edwin Cone Bissell, Theodore S. Pond, Marcellus Bowen, Charles E. Upson, W. Hart Dexter, Francis E. Smith, George Cornwell, Elder Milton Frost (first day).

Rev. Arthur Requa was elected Moderator for the next six months.

Rev. John H. Eastman was chosen Permanent Clerk for one year.

Rev. Joseph F. Folsom was elected Temporary Clerk.

The Committee of Arrangements presented a report which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Tuesday — 5 P. M., recess. 7.30 P. M., Sermon by the retiring Moderator, Rev. John S. Penman.

Wednesday — 8.30 to 9.30 A. M., Devotional service to be led by Rev. Charles S. Lane. 9.30 to 12.30 A. M., and 2 to 5 P. M., Business sessions. 7.30 P. M., A popular meeting to be addressed by Rev. A. D. Schauffler on "Parish Problems, or Methods of reaching the Unreached and saving the Unsaved."

The Stated Clerk was authorized to grant a letter of dismission to Rev. Edwin Cone Bissell to the Presbytery of Chicago, when he shall request it.

The death of Elder Richard H. Townsend of the Bridgeport Church was announced, and Rev. Henry A. Davenport and Elder David F. Hollister were appointed to prepare a biographical sketch for the necrology.

A communication from the district superintendent of the American Bible Society, calling attention to the work of that society, was read. It was resolved that the appeal commends itself to our approval, and that the communication be referred to the officers of the Westchester County Bible Society.

Rev. Charles P. Fagnani was, at his own request,

granted a letter of dismission to the Presbytery of New York.

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A communication from Rev. James N. Crocker, Synodical Superintendent, was referred to the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension.

A communication from the Board of Home Missions was read, announcing that of the aid to the amount of $200 asked for the Pound Ridge Church, $130 had been granted. Other communications from the same Board stating that aid to the amount of $250 had been granted to New Haven First Church, and $200 to the Pleasantville Church, also one in regard to the needs of the Board, were read and referred to the same committee.

Rev. Addison D. Madeira requested a letter of dismission to the Presbytery of Upper Missouri. The request was granted.

The Stated Clerk reported the names of Rev. Messrs. Christopher R. Brown and R. Randall Hoes as absent from all the meetings of the Presbytery for the past year and unexcused, and the Church at North Salem as unrepresented for the same time (p. 212, Res. 3).

The Stated Clerk reported a bequest of $5,000 from the late Alexander Milne. The following is an extract from the will:

. . . . . .

Fourth: Upon the death of my said wife I direct the distribution of my estate then remaining as follows:

. . . . . .

I give and bequeath to the Presbytery of Westchester, with which the First Presbyterian Church of Stamford, Conn., is connected, the sum of five thousand dollars to be held by said Presbytery, in trust, and the income in its discretion applied to the support of needy ministers within the bounds of said Presbytery and connected with said body.

The work of Rev. Willis W. Dowd, a member of this Presbytery laboring at La Junta, Colorado, was brought to the attention of Presbytery, and Elder William H. Parsons signified his readiness to receive and forward contributions toward the erection of a manse, which is greatly needed.

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Reports of ministers, not pastors, required by Standing Rule 34 and omitted at the Spring Stated Meeting, were read by the Stated Clerk. Rev. Messrs. Talmon C. Perry, Charles P. Fagnani, Addison K. Strong, Addison D. Madeira, Elias S. Schenck, and David A. Holbrook sent such reports. Rev. Christopher R. Brown, present at this meeting, made a statement in reference to his work.

The Treasurer presented his report, which was accepted and referred for audit to the Committee on Finance. It is as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING OCT. 1, 1892.

Receipts.

Cash on hand Oct. 1, 1891,		$128.66
Assessments, 1891,	$85.70	
Assessments, 1892,	810.20 —	895.90
Proceeds of Note ($60) discounted at Westchester Co. Nat. Bank,		59.06
Sale of History,		3.00
Total,		$1,086.62

Disbursements.

Salary — Stated Clerk,		$100.00
Expenses — Postage and stationery,	$18 47	
Blanks,	1.43 —	19.90
Printing — Minutes,	101.20	
Notices,	9.00	
Blanks,	6.50 —	116.70
Apportionments — General Assembly,	477.89	
Synod,	35.60 —	513.49
Delegates of Synod, expenses of,		100.96
Note discounted at Westchester Co. Nat. Bank,		60.00
Total,		$911.05
Cash in Westchester Co. Nat Bank,		$175.57
Unpaid Assessments,		27.38
Total,		$202.95

On motion, the communion set, formerly belonging to the Presbyterian Church at Tariffville, Conn., and now in the care of Rev. J. Aspinwall Hodge, was presented to Rev. William K. Eddy for use in the mission field in Syria.

On motion, Rev. J. Aspinwall Hodge was directed to

send the Bible, etc., formerly belonging to that church, to Elder Edward Wells, Clerk of the Trustees of Presbytery.

The Committee on Languages reported favorably on the Latin thesis and Greek exegesis of Candidate Oliver R. Willis (p. 277). Adopted. Fall Stated Meeting, Oct. 4, 1892.

Rev. John S. Penman reported the installation of Rev. Henry R. White as pastor of the Pleasantville Church, June 27, 1892, in accordance with the directions of Presbytery (p. 279). Accepted.

The report of the committee to codify the rules of Presbytery (p. 278) was deferred until the next meeting.

The Committee to revise the Standing Committees (p. 276) presented a report, which was accepted, and, after amendment, adopted. It is as follows:

We recommend that the Standing Committees be constituted as follows:

I. EXAMINATION.

1. Religious Experience and News in Seeking the Ministry.
The Moderator.

2. Standing Committee.

a. arts, sciences, and ancient languages.

Ministers.— John E. Bushnell, J. Hendrik de Vries, John S. Penman.

b. church history, government, and sacraments.

Ministers.— Irving E. White, W. Hart Dexter, Alexander Miller.

c. theology.

Ministers.— J. Ritchie Smith, J. Aspinwall Hodge, George R. Cutting.

These sub-committees shall meet and choose one of their number chairman of the Standing Committee.

II. WORK OF THE CHURCH.

1. Home Missions and Church Extension.

Ministers.— Richard P. H. Vail, John Reid, John H. Eastman, Thornton M. Niven, Wilson Phraner.

Elders.— Edward Wells, William H. Parsons, David F. Hollister, Thomas G. Ritch.

2. Foreign Missions.

Ministers.— J. Ritchie Smith, James A. McWilliams, John S. Penman.

Elders.— Milton Frost, Theodore Gilman.

3. Education.

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Ministers.—J. Aspinwall Hodge, Charles S. Lane, Frederick A. M. Brown.
Elders.—Benjamin Weed, Francis W. Marsh.

4. Publication and Sabbath-School Work.

Ministers.—Charles E. Allison, Robert P. Gibson, Manfred P. Welcher, John E. Bushnell, John H. Trussell, Harris Ely Adriance, Robert R. White.
Elders.—Theodore F. Brown, George W. Banks, Frank R. Chambers, Clarence L. Reid, Edwin A. Slosson, Robert L. Wilde.

5. Church Erection.

Ministers.—Robert P. Gibson, Joseph F. Folsom.
Elder.—Warren S. Paddock.

6. Ministerial Relief.

Minister.—Anthony R. Macoubrey.
Elders.—Henry M. Lester, Joseph Barrett, John C. Rockwell, Henry White, Elijah C. Sniffen.

7. Freedmen.

Ministers.—Manfred P. Welcher, Henry R. White.
Elder.—John G. Clark.

8. Aid for Colleges and Academies.

Ministers.—John T. Wills, Lewis H. Reid.
Elder.—Edwin A. Knapp.

9. Temperance.

Ministers.—Irving E. White, George R. Cutting.
Elder.—Stanton Cady.

10. Systematic Beneficence.

Ministers.—William B. Waller and chairmen of committees 1–9.

11. Presbyterial Visitation.

Ministers.—W. Hart Dexter, Henry A. Davenport.
Elder.—Edward F. Parsons.

12. Manses.

Elders.—Sanford R. Knapp, William H. Foster, Enos Lee.

Rev. J. Ritchie Smith (p. 278) presented a minute on the death of Elder Isaac Varian. It was accepted and ordered to be entered in the Necrology

The Moderator announced the following committees:

I. BILLS AND OVERTURES.

Ministers.—John S. Penman, John H. Trussell, Charles S. Lane.
Elders.—Joseph Conklin, Daniel H. Knapp.

II. JUDICIAL BUSINESS.

Ministers.— George R. Cutting, John E. Bushnell, J. Ritchie Smith. Fall Stated Meeting, Oct 4, 1892.
Elders.— Edward Wells, Edwin Bouton.

III. FINANCE.

Elders.— William H. Parsons, Stanton Cady.

IV. LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

Minister.— James A. McWilliams.
Elder.— Joseph Banks.

V. SESSIONAL RECORDS.

	Churches.	*Ministers.*	*Elders.*
1	Hartford,	John E. Bushnell,	Francis W. Marsh.
2	White Plains,	John H. Trussell,	William H. Foster.
3	South East,	Thornton M. Niven,	David I. Carson.
4	Greenburgh,	George R. Cutting,	Alex. O. Kirkwood.
5	New Haven 1st,	William K. Eddy,	Edwin A. Knapp.
6	Greenwich 1st,	Charles E. Allison,	Thomas F. Hope.
7	Mahopac Falls,	Robert P. Gibson,	Edwin Bouton.
8	Stamford 1st,	John Reid,	Milton Frost,
9	Croton Falls,	J. Aspinwall Hodge,	William H. Foster.
10	Yonkers 1st,	Anthony R. Macoubrey,	Thomas G. Ritch.
11	Bridgeport 1st,	Wilson Phraner,	Charles E. Harvey.
12	New Rochelle,	Thomas J. Evans,	Edward Wells.
13	Katonah,	John T. Wills,	Joseph Conklin.
14	Port Chester,	Henry R. White,	Stanton Cady.
15	Peekskill 1st,	Frederick A. M. Brown,	James C. Jones.
16	Yorktown,	Joseph F. Folsom,	Francis W. Marsh.
17	Dayspring,	Richard P. H. Vail,	John Johnston.
18	S. E. Centre,	J. Hendrik de Vries,	John Irwin.
19	Throggs Neck,	Alexander Miller,	Stanton Cady.
20	Peekskill 2d,	William B. Waller,	David Travis.
21	South Salem,	Irving E. White,	William H. Parsons.
22	Mt. Vernon 1st,	Talmon C. Perry,	Thomas S. Lawrence.
23	Rye,	Richard B. Mattice,	John Irwin.
24	Sing Sing,	Charles S. Lane,	David I. Carson.
25	Patterson,	J. Ritchie Smith,	Alex. O. Kirkwood.
26	Thompsonville,	Robert R. White,	James A. Merritt.
27	Darien,	Manfred P. Welcher,	Charles E. Harvey.
28	Westminster,	Henry R. White,	Willet C. Brown.
29	Irvington,	Talmon C. Perry,	Edwin Bouton.
30	New Rochelle 2d,	J. Hendrik de Vries,	Willet C. Brown.
31	Hug. Mem'l,	Robert R. White,	Joseph Banks.
32	Pleasantville,	John S. Penman,	Stanton Cady.
33	Bedford,	Thornton M. Niven,	James C. Jones.
34	Pound Ridge,	Homer S. Newcomb,	Edward Wells.
35	North Salem,	Alexander Miller,	Willet C. Brown.
36	Mt. Kisco,	Thomas J. Evans,	Thomas S. Lawrence.
37	Gilead,	David A. Holbrook,	Joseph Conklin.

The death of Elder Richard R. Tyers of the Greenburgh Church was announced as having occurred on June 21,

1892, and Rev. Thornton M. Niven was appointed to draft a minute for the Necrology.

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Rev. Thornton M. Niven presented minutes on the deaths of Elders Edmund S. Mills (p. 278) and Richard R. Tyers. They were accepted and ordered to be entered in the Necrology.

Rev. John S. Penman was appointed to draft the narrative for the Spring Stated Meeting, and Rev. Manfred P. Welcher alternate.

The Committee on Foreign Missions presented a report, which was accepted and is as follows:

It is gratifying to note that one church only appears upon the Minutes of the General Assembly and the report of the Board as contributing nothing to this work during the past year — the church at North Salem.

According to the Minutes of the General Assembly the total amount contributed last year was $9,264. For the preceding year the amount reported was $10,697, a decrease last year of $1,433.

The Assembly recommends that the churches raise for this work during the present year the sum of $1,100,000. This calls for $1.30 from each member of the church. Upon that basis the proportion of our Presbytery is about $9,000, and pastors and sessions may readily calculate the proportion of each individual church.

In the afternoon and evening of August 25th, interesting services were held in the Yorktown Church in connection with the departure of Rev. George Cornwell and his wife for their field of labor in China. Rev. J. Ritchie Smith, chairman of the Committee on Foreign Missions, presided, and made a brief introductory address. Addresses were made by Rev. George Cornwell, Rev. Wilson Phraner, Mr. Robert E. Speer, Assistant Secretary of the Board, Rev. F. W. Jackson, Rev. John H. Eastman, Rev. Manfred P. Welcher, Rev. Robert R. White, and Rev. William J. Cumming. Though the weather was unfavorable, large congregations were present at both services.

By invitation, Rev. William K. Eddy, a member of Presbytery about to return to Syria, spoke on his work in that country.

Recess was taken until 7.30 P. M.

Closed with prayer.

Tuesday, 7.30 P. M.

The Presbytery reassembled.

After devotional exercises a sermon was preached by the retiring Moderator, Rev. John S. Penman, from the text, Heb. 12:27 — "And this word, Yet once more, signi-

fyeth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain." Fall Stated Meeting, Oct. 5, 1892.

The hearing of reports on sessional records was made the third order for to-morrow afternoon.

Adjourned until 8.30 A. M. to-morrow.

Closed with prayer.

Wednesday, October 5, 1892.

The Presbytery met at 8.30 A. M., and spent the first hour in devotional exercises, led by Rev. Charles S. Lane.

The roll was called, and the following not present yesterday answered to their names:

Ministers.—Rollin A. Sawyer, Anthony R. Macoubrey, Richard P. H. Vail, John Reid, William B. Waller, William N. Richie, James H. Hoyt, Charles E. Allison, John S. Allen, Harris Ely Adriance, Robert R. White.

Elders.—John Johnston, Edwin A. Knapp, Thomas G. Ritch, John G. Ross, John Miller, Thomas F. Hope, Milton Frost, James A. Merritt, David Travis, William H. Foster.

The minutes of yesterday's sessions were read and approved.

Rev. Edwin Knox Mitchell was received by letter of dismission from the Presbytery of East Florida.

On the report of the committee (p. 276) the following nominations were made for delegates to Synod:

PRINCIPALS.

Ministers.—Arthur Requa, John H. Trussell, Charles S. Lane, George R. Cutting.

Elders.—William H. Foster, Thomas Gilbert, John G. Clark, Stanton Cady, James F. Kennard.

ALTERNATES.

Ministers.—John S. Penman, Harris Ely Adriance, Charles E. Allison, Irving E. White, James A. McWilliams, Robert P. Gibson, John Reid, W. Hart Dexter.

Elders.—Benjamin Weed, Ebenezer G. Platt, Jacob T. Wheeler, Henry M. Lester, Edward P. Whittemore, Milton Frost, Clarence L. Reid, Henry White.

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The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly presented a report which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

That the overture in reference to the licensing of local Evangelists (Min. G. A., p. 212) be answered in the affirmative.

That the matter of "Unemployed Ministers and Vacant Churches" (Min. G. A., p. 215) be referred to a committee of three, who shall report at the Intermediate Meeting.

That the whole matter of Revision of the Confession of Faith be also referred to a committee of three, who shall report at the Intermediate Meeting.

The New Rochelle Church was excused from presenting sessional record at this meeting.

Rev. J. Aspinwall Hodge presented a request for the dissolution of the pastoral relation existing between him and the church at Hartford, Conn., on account of the condition of his health. Elder John Johnston read the minutes of the meeting of the church, regretfully concurring in the request, and choosing him pastor *emeritus* for life. Judge W. F. Henney was also heard as commissioner from the congregation.

The following resolutions were adopted:

The Presbytery, having heard the joint request of Rev. J. Aspinwall Hodge and the church at Hartford, Conn., that he be released from the active duties as pastor of said church, hereby grants the request, and, according to the earnest desire of the congregation, Dr. Hodge is recognized as pastor *emeritus* of the church. The Session is hereby authorized to take the necessary steps to secure a minister to assume the full duties as pastor.

Resolved, That Rev. Lewis H. Reid be appointed Moderator of the Session, which is hereby authorized to supply the pulpit until the next stated meeting of Presbytery.

Resolved, That Rev. J. Aspinwall Hodge preach next Sabbath and declare to the congregation the above action of the Presbytery.

Rev. Messrs. Thornton M. Niven, Richard P. H. Vail, and Anthony R. Macoubrey, and Elders William H. Parsons and Thomas G. Ritch, were appointed to draft a minute on the resignation of Rev. J. Aspinwall Hodge.

The Committee on Publication and Sabbath-school Work presented a report, which was accepted, after amendment adopted, and is as follows:

1. That Presbytery request the superintendents of our schools to inform the scholars of the offer of the Board to give Oxford Bibles as prizes to all who learn and recite the Shorter Catechism.

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2. That Presbytery request the superintendents of our Sunday-schools to inform the teachers of the desire of the Committee of General Assembly to have Teachers' Institutes established in each school for the improvement of the teaching force, and, if such Institutes are not feasible, to suggest the advisableness of organizing district conventions, and sending representatives to the conventions of the County Sabbath-School Teachers' Associations, where such associations exist.

3. That Presbytery call attention to the importance of a careful oversight of the libraries, that only good books go into the children's hands and homes.

4. That the attention of the schools be drawn to the paper, "*Forward*," published by the Board for the older scholars in our Sabbath-schools

5. That the attention of the ten Sessions of churches of the Westchester Presbytery, where the Shorter Catechism is not studied in the Sabbath-schools, be called to the omission by the chairman of the Committee on Publication and Sabbath-School Work, with the recommendation from Presbytery that such Sessions urge the Sabbath-schools under their charge to promote the study of the Westminster Shorter Catechism in their Sabbath-schools.

The Committee on Education presented a report which was accepted and its recommendations adopted. It is as follows:

1. There are no new candidates to be received or recommended at this meeting.

2. We ask for the renewal of the recommendation for aid to the Board of Benjamin W. Labaree with permission to study at Hartford Theological Seminary, of Richard Henry Hughes with permission to study at Yale, and of Nicholas Schmeckenbecher.

3. We call attention to the fact that the Board, while reducing its debt to $7 000, was still in debt, and that the reduction had been accomplished in a great measure by reducing appropriations and refusing candidates well recommended by their Presbyteries. We ask that Presbytery urge upon all the churches to give opportunity to the people to contribute to this cause, and the pastors to seek increased collections.

The committee presented Candidate Oliver R. Willis (p. 287), and as his examination had been sustained, recommended that Presbytery proceed to his licensure and ordination.

By amendment the vote was taken first upon his licensure, and Presbytery voted in the affirmative.

The session was extended until 12.30 P. M.

The report of the committee on the organization of a

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church at Hastings (p. 267) was made the fourth order of this afternoon's session.

Recess was taken until 2 P. M.

Closed with prayer.

Wednesday, 2.30 P. M.

The Presbytery reassembled and was opened with prayer.

The Stated Clerk was directed to cast the ballot of Presbytery for the principals and alternates nominated this morning for delegates to Synod.

The following were declared elected:

PRINCIPALS.

Ministers.	*Elders.*
Arthur Requa (two years).	William H. Foster (two years).
John H. Trussell "	Thomas Gilbert "
Charles S. Lane "	John G. Clark "
George R. Cutting "	Stanton Cady "
	James F. Kennard "

ALTERNATES.

John S. Penman,	Benjamin Weed,
Harris Ely Adriance,	Ebenezer G. Platt,
Charles E. Allison,	Jacob T. Wheeler,
Irving E. White,	Henry M. Lester,
James A. McWilliams,	Edward P. Whittemore,
Robert P. Gibson,	Clarence L. Reid,
John Reid,	Henry White,
W. Hart Dexter,	Milton Frost.

Sessional records were approved without exception as follows:

Greenwich 1st, Mahopac Falls, Stamford 1st, Yonkers 1st, Katonah, Peekskill 1st, Dayspring, Throggs Neck, Peekskill 2d, South Salem, Mt. Vernon 1st, Rye, Patterson, Westminster, New Rochelle 2d, Huguenot Memorial, Bedford, Pound Ridge, and Mt. Kisco.

The following were approved with exceptions:

Hartford, Pleasantville, Gilead, Bridgeport 1st, Darien, White Plains, Greenburgh, Irvington, and Sing Sing.

The Committee on the organization of a church at Hastings, N. Y. (p. 293), presented a report which was

accepted and action thereon deferred. The committee was continued.

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The Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

We would call the special attention of our churches to the following fact: The payments to the Westchester Presbytery for Synodical aid for the year ending April 1, 1892, were $875; and the receipts from Westchester Presbytery for the fund were only $729; so that our Presbytery has withdrawn from the fund $149 more than it paid last year.

Since April 1st, the grants from this fund to Westchester churches have been as follows: New Haven 1st, $250; Pleasantville, $200; Pound Ridge, $130; total $580.

The Board of Home Missions, since April 1st, has had to borrow $90,000 to meet its obligations. Add this to $60,000 of borrowed money still unpaid at the end of the fiscal year, and the loans of the Board are $150,000. This puts the Board in a most embarrassing position financially. It looks to the churches to come to its help. The churches of the Westchester Presbytery are urged to do their part, and it is specially recommended that not the churches only, but the Sunday-schools and Christian Endeavor societies be requested to make special contributions to this Board during the present month of October.

The Committee on Church Erection presented a report, which was accepted, and is as follows:

Of the 37 churches of this Presbytery, all but 5 contributed to this Board. It is gratifying to note that, though less than one-half of all the 7,000 churches contributed, six-sevenths of the churches of this Presbytery are on the right side.

The Assembly's recommendations are of the general kind, which scarcely call for reproduction here, except the last, which names $150,000 as the sum needed by the Board during the year now current, and summons the churches to a strenuous effort to raise the amount required.

Rev. John S. Allen requested the dissolution of his pastoral relation with the church at Patterson, N. Y., that he might accept a call to the Second Reformed Church of Newark, N. J.

Elder James A. Merritt read the resolution adopted at the congregational meeting, regretfully concurring in the request.

On motion, the request was granted, and Mr. Allen was dismissed to the Classis of Newark of the Reformed Church.

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Rev. James A. McWilliams was appointed to declare the pulpit vacant on October 9.

The sessional records of the following churches were ordered to be presented at the Intermediate Meeting:

Southeast, New Haven, Croton Falls, New Rochelle, Yorktown, Southeast Center, Thompsonville, and North Salem.

A call from the Mt. Kisco Church for the pastoral services of Rev. David Laughlin was presented, and, on motion, found in order.

A telegram from Mr. Laughlin was read, stating that he had been granted a letter of dismission from the Presbytery of Baltimore.

On motion, it was voted that he be received, if his papers be found in order by the Stated Clerk.

On motion, it was directed that the call be placed in the hands of Mr. Laughlin, whose acceptance was signified by his representative, Elder Joseph Banks.

Rev. John H. Eastman and Elder Joseph Banks were appointed a committee to arrange for Mr. Laughlin's installation as pastor of the Mt. Kisco Church.

The Moderator announced the following committees:

I. Overture on Unemployed Ministers and Vacant Churches (p. 292).

Ministers.— Richard P. H. Vail, John E. Bushnell.
Elder.— Milton Frost.

II. Overtures on Revision of the Confession of Faith (p. 292)

Ministers.— J. Ritchie Smith, J. Aspinwall Hodge.
Elder.— Francis W. Marsh.

Rev. Messrs. Robert P. Gibson and William J. Cumming, and Elder David Travis, were appointed a committee to arrange for place of the Intermediate and Spring Stated Meetings.

Candidate Oliver R. Willis was given permission to withdraw his application for ordination.

The committee appointed to draft a minute on Rev. J. Aspinwall Hodge's resignation of the active pastorate of

the church at Hartford, Conn. (p. 292), presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows: Fall Stated Meeting, Oct. 5, 1892.

In severing the relation of Rev. J. Aspinwall Hodge as the active pastor of the church of Hartford, Conn., the Presbytery expresses its earnest sympathy with that church in the retirement from their direct control and service of a pastor so thoroughly equipped for the work of the ministry; and whose pastorate of more than twenty-six years has been so constantly their joy and strength, that at its close the ties binding them together are stronger than ever before; and the severance granted by them only for the conservation of Dr. Hodge's health, which may save him yet many years to serve the Church of Christ. We express also our sympathy with Dr. Hodge's compulsory withdrawal from a field which is so dear to him.

The Presbytery record their grateful sense of the good work done, under the blessing of God, by Dr. Hodge for the church at Hartford through his wisdom, devotion, and rare ministerial gifts. We feel that coming to the church at a critical period of its history and being the means of saving it, he has been since an eminently Providential person for it and for the interests of Presbyterianism in Hartford not only, but in New England generally.

We are grateful also that according to the wish of his congregation, Dr. Hodge is to remain pastor *emeritus*, to whom for counsel and aid they may still turn; and that, therefore, we shall yet have him with us in Presbytery as in times past with his special Presbyterial gifts and faithfulness.

We rejoice in his returning health and pray the Master for its thorough restoration, and that He will still use him for the church at large that he may ever be more helpful to it than in the past.

The Committee on Freedmen presented a report which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Our own Presbytery's offering last year was $1,445, and only 4 non-contributing churches.

Your committee would not specialize churches nor make invidious contrasts or comparisons. While remembering how unevenly the pounds are distributed, yet we cannot refrain calling attention, as an example, to the offering of the Stamford Church of $496, and adding —"Go thou and do likewise" as nearly as possible.

Only one recommendation is made, and that not a new one by this committee — an easy one, too, in fulfilment. It is that every pastor read the annual report of the Board in the Minutes of the General Assembly and in the volume of the Boards' reports just out; and also the report of the standing committee on this Board appointed by the General Assembly, beginning with p. 46: and that from the resulting interest and enthusiasm at least a brief statement be made, when the offering is given for this the King's urgent business.

The committee to arrange for the installation of Rev. David Laughlin as pastor of the Mt. Kisco Church presented a report which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

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Time — Thursday, October 27, 7.30 P.M. To preside and propound the constitutional questions — The moderator. Sermon — Rev. George R. Cutting; Rev. Robert R. White, alternate. Charge to the pastor — Rev. J. Ritchie Smith; Rev. Robert P. Gibson, alternate. Charge to the people — Rev. John H. Eastman; Rev. William J. Cumming, alternate.

The Committee on Aid for Colleges and Academies presented a report which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

To this Board twenty-six of the churches of this Presbytery have contributed $676, being a gain of $109 over last year. Eleven churches are reported as contributing nothing.

With the rapid development of our western States, there is a growing demand for those institutions, and consequently urge the necessity of increased contributions in support of this cause; and hope that the non-contributing churches of this Presbytery will not fail in their duty to this important Board in the coming year.

The Committee on Temperance presented a report.

Pending its consideration, a recess was taken until 7.30 P. M.

Closed with prayer.

Wednesday, 7.30 P. M.

The Presbytery reassembled.

After devotional exercises, Rev. A. F. Schauffler delivered an address on "Parish Problems, or Methods of reaching the Unreached and saving the Unsaved."

Candidate Oliver R. Willis was duly licensed to preach the Gospel in accordance with the requirements of the Form of Government.

The unfinished business, consideration of the report of the Committee on Temperance, was then taken up, and the report was adopted. It is as follows:

Your committee presents the following recommendation:

1. That we heartily approve of and commend to our pastors and peoples recommendations 4, 5, 6, and 8 of the last report of the General Assembly's Permanent Committee on Temperance, as found in the Minutes of the General Assembly, pp. 161–165.

2. That while we do not attempt to direct how any man shall vote, we do suggest and recommend that in every election, when the cause of temperance presents a reasonable and practicable issue, as in town elections, the friends of temperance study to make their vote for temperance as solid as possible. Fall Stated Meeting, Oct. 5, 1892.

3. That we urge all our churches not to be neglectful of the fallen and unfortunate victims of the liquor traffic, but without ceasing to pour out the earnest prayer for them, extending the kind word and helping hand to them, and that when and where practicable organized efforts be made for their reformation and salvation.

4. That we lay it as kindly and earnestly as possible upon the hearts of all our pastors, elders, and people, that they so preach and exemplify the Gospel of "Gospel-temperance," that all, especially childhood and youth, as they attempt to practice our precepts and imitate our pattern, may find themselves traveling the well-guarded paths of moral safety and spiritual life.

Moderators of Sessions of vacant churches were appointed as follows:

Rev. Robert B. Gibson, North Salem.
Rev. Richard B. Mattice, Throggs Neck.
Rev. William N. Richie, Portchester.
Rev. John H. Eastman, Mt. Kisco.
Rev. John H. Trussell, Gilead.
Rev. Lewis H. Reid, Hartford.
Rev. John H. Eastman, Patterson.

The Sessions of these churches were authorized to supply their pulpits until the next stated meeting of Presbytery.

The committee to arrange for places of Intermediate and Spring Stated Meetings of Presbytery (p. 296) reported, recommending that the former be held in New York city, the place to be designated by the Stated Clerk; and that the selection of a place for the latter be deferred until the Intermediate Meeting.

The Committee on Systematic Beneficence presented a report which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

We would make the following recommendations, two of which are suggested in part by the committees of the General Assembly:

1. That the Sessions of our churches appoint from their number a special committee on systematic beneficence, whose duty it shall be to develop, by all proper means, the beneficence of the congregation, cooperating with the pastor in endeavoring to secure an offering from every individual for all the Boards of the church.

2. That the pastors and elders of our churches consider the claims of the periodical published by the General Assembly's committee on

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Systematic Beneficence, *The Christian Steward*, and where deemed advisable secure its circulation among the people.

3. That we would reiterate a former recommendation, "that, in view of the decrease in the receipts of some of our Boards, our sessions be urged to discourage the appeals of benevolent agencies outside of our own church, or for work carried on by our own missionaries outside of the estimates of the Boards, when such appeals would be to the detriment of the direct work for which our Boards are responsible."

It was ordered that the Treasurer of the Trustees of Presbytery be directed to pay such income as has accrued or shall accrue from the Adams' Fund, prior to the next Intermediate meeting of Presbytery, to Rev. Joseph F. Folsom.

A call was presented from the Gilead Church of Carmel, N. Y., for the pastoral services of Mr. Bruce Wallace Cronmiller. It was found in order and laid upon the table.

The Committee on Finance reported that the accounts of the Treasurer had been examined and found correct, and recommended their approval. Adopted.

The Committee on Leave of Absence presented a report which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows :

Your committee have granted a leave of absence to the following:

Ministers — Christopher R. Brown, William K. Eddy. Robert R. White, James H. Hoyt, Anthony R. Macoubrey, Richard P. H. Vail, Charles E. Allison, Charles S. Lane, John S. Penman, John H. Trussell, Richard B. Mattice, George R. Cutting, J. Hendrik de Vries, J. Ritchie Smith, Wilson Phraner.

Elders — David I. Carson, John Johnston, Thomas G. Ritch, Thomas F. Hope, Francis W. Marsh, Milton Frost, John Miller, Edwin A. Knapp, Edwin Bouton.

The roll was called, and the following found to have withdrawn without leave :

Ministers — Chauncey D. Rice, Thornton M. Niven, William B. Waller, Willam N. Richie, Irving E. White.

Elders. — Joseph Conklin, John G. Ross, William H. Parsons, Charles E. Harvey, Willet C. Brown.

A resolution of thanks to the officers and members of the church and congregation was heartily adopted.

Arrangements for the Day of Prayer were left with the chairman of the Committee of Presbyterial Visitation.

The minutes of to-day's sessions were read and approved.

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The Presbytery then adjourned to meet in New York City on the third Tuesday of January, 1893.

Closed with prayer and the benediction.

W. J. CUMMING,
Stated Clerk.

J. H. EASTMAN,
Permanent Clerk.

OFFICERS OF THE PRESBYTERY.

Moderator — Rev. Arthur Requa, Noroton, Conn. *Stated Clerk and Treasurer* — Rev. William J. Cumming, Yorktown, N. Y. *Permanent Clerk* — Rev. John H. Eastman, Katonah, N. Y.

TRUSTEES.

Ministers — Rollin A. Sawyer, Richard P. H. Vail, Thornton M. Niven, John E. Bushnell.

Elders — Edward Wells (*Clerk, Peekskill, N. Y.*), Uriah Hill, William H. Parsons, Thomas G. Ritch (*Treasurer, Stamford, Conn.*), Benjamin Weed.

RULING ELDERS.

Bedford.

Clark, John G., Travis, David,
Owen, St. John, Williamson, Albert, *Clerk.*

Bridgeport First.

Bullard, Edward P., Marsh, Francis W., *Clerk.*
Hollister, David F.,

Croton Falls.

Abrams, George W., Moses, Jabez H.
Chamberlain, Albert,
(Rev. Robert P. Gibson, *Clerk.*)

Darien.

Bishop, Sands S.,
Jones, James C.,
Shaw, James A.,
Weed, Benjamin, *Clerk.*

Gilead.

Cornish, Samuel G.,
Foster, William H., *Clerk.*

Greenburgh.

Carpenter, James B.,
Conklin, Joseph,
Wheeler, Jacob T.,
Wilde, Robert L., *Clerk.*

Greenwich First.

Brush, Shadrach M.,
Cristy, Edward B.,
Knapp, Edwin A., *Clerk*,
Waterbury, Walter S.

Hartford.

Curry, Alexander,
Johnston, John, *Clerk*,
Stockwell, W. Howard.
Watson, Alexander,
Westwood, Frederick.

Huguenot Memorial.

Carson, David I., *Clerk*,
Dey, John H.,
Johnson, Joseph K.,
Johnson, Nathan.

Irvington.

Burnham, William A.,
Terry, John T.
(Rev. John S. Penman, *Clerk.*)

Katonah.

Barrett, Joseph,
Chapman, J. F., M.D., *Clerk.*

Mahopac Falls.

Badeau, John Henry,
Card, Edson, M.D.,
Dusenbury, C. Coles,
Kennard, James F., *Clerk*,
Lounsbury, Robert W.,
Wright, Irving.

Mt. Kisco.

Banks, George W.,
Banks, Joseph,
Horton, Frank N.,
Platt, Ebenezer G.,
Smith, David E., *Clerk.*

Mt. Vernon First.

Blakeman, A. Noel, *Clerk*,
Carlisle, Hugh,
Chambers, Frank R.,
Doolittle, Judson S.,
Halsey, William McD.
Irwin, John.

New Haven First.

Bartlett, Andrew M.,
Petrie, George, *Clerk.*

New Rochelle.

Lester, Henry M.,
Myers, James,
Offord, John A., *Clerk*,
Renoud, David E.,
Ross, John G.

New Rochelle Second.

Brown, Joseph T.,
Harvey, Charles E., *Clerk.*

North Salem.

Benedict, G. Charles, *Clerk.*
Eggleston, James O.,
Smith, Daniel D.

Patterson.

Gerow, James C.,
Merritt, James A., *Clerk*,
Sloat, Orson W.

Peekskill First.

Hill, Uriah, Jr.,
Knapp, Sanford R., *Clerk*,
Mabie, William,
Mead, Seth H.,
Pugsley, Cornelius A.,
Wells, Edward.

Peekskill Second.

Clinton, Morris E.,
Frost, Milton, *Clerk*,
Knight, Charles C., M.D.,
McDonald, Joseph H.

Pleasantville.

Brown, Willet C., Moore, Benjamin, *Clerk.*
Carpenter, Benjamin J.,

Port Chester.

Miller, John, *Clerk*, Scofield, William H.

Pound Ridge.

Rockwell, John C., Scofield, Edwin,
Scofield, Albert, Scofield, Albert.

Rye.

Cragin, George D., Parsons, William H., *Clerk*,
Parsons, Henry, Whittemore, Edward P.

Sing Sing.

Brown, Theodore F., Miller, John F.,
Cady, Stanton, *Clerk*, Provost, Daniel E.,
Lockwood, Rodney S., Truesdell, John P.

South East.

Hayt, J. Hawley, Lawrence, Thomas S., *Clerk.*
Johnson, Walter C.,

South East Centre.

Cole, George, Paddock, Warren S., *Clerk*,
Everett, Benjamin D., Parker, George G.
Lobdell, Alexander F.,

South Salem.

Bouton, Edwin, Hull, George E.,
Bouton, John F., St. John, Henry L.,
Gilbert, Thomas, Webster, Joseph A.,
(Rev. Manfred P. Welcher, *Clerk.*)

Stamford First.

Begent, Louis,
Dolsen, Charles B.,
Hobby, Moses M.,
Pierson, Samuel, M.D.,
Reid, Clarence L.,
Ritch, Thomas G., *Clerk*,
Soule, George H.

Thompsonville.

Brainard, David,
Brainard, Horace K.,
Morrison, James,
Parsons, Ed. F., M.D., *Clerk*,
Sloane, Andrew.

Throggs Neck.

Barnecott, John F.,
Randall, Charles H.
(Rev. Richard B. Mattice, *Clerk*.)

White Plains.

Hart, Monmouth G.,
Kingsley, Orrin D., M.D.,
Mitchell, Josiah S.,
Slosson, Edwin A., *Clerk*,
Sniffin, Elijah C.,
Wilson, Samuel H.

Yonkers, Dayspring.

Cutbill, John H.,
Hope, Thomas F.,
Smith, William, *Clerk*.

Yonkers First.

Chamberlain, George A.,
Clark, Lucius E.,
Gilman, Theodore.
King, Hezekiah, *Clerk*,
Prime, Ralph E.

Yonkers, Westminster.

Brown, Hez'ah Beattie, M.D.,
Brown, John H.,
Kirkwood, Alexander O.,
Machin, Arthur S.,
McKim, William, *Clerk*,
McWilliam, James R.,
Odell, William L.,
Otis, Charles R.

Yorktown.

Knapp, Daniel H.,
Lee, Elijah,
Lee, Enos, *Clerk*,
White, Henry.

NEW YORK CITY, October 31, 1892.

Special Meeting, October 31, 1892.

The Presbytery of Westchester met in the Presbyterian Mission House, 53 Fifth Avenue, New York city, Monday, October 31, 1892, at 10.30 A. M., pursuant to the following call:

NOROTON, CONN., October 19, 1892.

Dear Sir:

At the request of two Ministers and two Elders (the Elders being different congregations), in accordance with the Form of Government, X, 10, a special meeting of the Presbytery of Westchester will be held in the Presbyterian Mission House, 53 Fifth Avenue, New York city, on Monday, October 31, 1892, at 10.30 A. M., to issue the following business:

To consider the present condition of the church at Greenwich, Conn., and to take such action as may be deemed necessary thereon.

ARTHUR REQUA, *Moderator.*

The meeting was constituted with prayer by the Moderator, Rev. Arthur Requa.

The roll was called and the following found to be present:

Ministers.	*Churches.*	*Elders.*
Elias S. Schenck.		
Thomas J. Evans.		
Rollin A. Sawyer.		
Thornton M. Niven,	Greenburgh.	
John T. Wills,	Greenwich 1st,	Edwin A. Knapp.
Alexander Miller,	Mahopac Falls.	
Richard P. H. Vail,	Stamford 1st,	
William B. Waller,	New Rochelle.	
John H. Eastman,	Katonah.	
William N. Richie,	Port Chester.	
James H. Hoyt.		
William J. Cumming,	Yorktown.	
Richard B Mattice,	Throggs Neck.	
David Laughlin,	Mt. Kisco.	
Manfred P. Welcher,	South Salem,	George E. Hull.
Charles S. Lane,	Mt. Vernon 1st,	William McD. Halsey.
John E. Bushnell,	Rye,	Edward P. Whittemore.
Arthur Requa,	Darien,	James A. Shaw.
George R. Cutting,	Westminster,	John H. Brown.
J. Hendrik de Vries.		
Francis E. Smith,	New Rochelle 2d.	
Joseph F. Folsom,	Pound Ridge.	
	Gilead,	William H. Foster.
	22	7

Total present,.....29

Excused for absence.—Lewis H. Reid.

The call for the meeting was then read.

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Rev. John T. Wills, pastor of the Greenwich church, and Elders Edwin A. Knapp, Shadrach M. Bush, and Walter S. Waterbury, made statements in regard to the affairs of the church.

The action of the Session was read, requesting Presbytery to appoint a commission with power to visit the church.

The request was granted.

It was ordered that the commission should consist of four ministers and three elders.

Rev. Messrs. George R. Cutting, John E. Bushnell, William B. Waller, and Elders William H. Foster and Edward P. Whittemore were appointed a committee to nominate the commission.

The committee reported, recommending the following persons:

Ministers.—Thornton M. Niven, Richard P. H. Vail, John E. Bushnell, Charles S. Lane.

Elders.—Edward P. Whittemore, Clarence S. Reid, A. Noel Blakeman.

The minutes were read and approved.

The Presbytery adjourned to meet in New York city, Tuesday, January 17, 1893.

Closed with prayer and the benediction.

W. J. CUMMING,
Stated Clerk.

J. H. EASTMAN,
Permanent Clerk.

New York City, January 17, 1893.

Intermediate Meeting, January 17, 1893.

The Presbytery of Westchester met, pursuant to appointment, in the Presbyterian Mission House, 53 Fifth Avenue, New York city, Tuesday, January 17, 1893, at 10 A. M.

The meeting was constituted with prayer by the Moderator, Rev. Arthur Requa.

The roll was called and the following found to be present:

Ministers.	*Churches.*	*Elders.*
Elias S. Schenck.		
Thomas J. Evans.		
J. Aspinwall Hodge.		
Rollin A. Sawyer.		
Thornton M. Niven,	Greenburgh,	Jacob T. Wheeler.
John T. Wills,	Greenwich 1st,	Edwin A. Knapp.
Christopher R. Brown.		
Alexander Miller,	Mahopac Falls.	
Richard P. H. Vail,	Stamford 1st.	
Robert P. Gibson,	Croton Falls.	
William B. Waller,	New Rochelle.	
John H. Eastman,	Katonah.	
William N. Richie,	Port Chester.	
J. Ritchie Smith,	Peekskill 1st,	William Mabie.
William J. Cumming,	Yorktown,	Henry White.
Irving E. White,	Peekskill 2d.	
Manfred P. Welcher,	South Salem.	
Charles S. Lane,	Mt. Vernon 1st.	
John E. Bushnell,	Rye,	Edward P. Whittemore.
W. Hart Dexter,	Thompsonville,	James Morrison.
Arthur Requa,	Darien,	Sands S. Bishop.
George R. Cutting,	Westminster,	John H. Brown.
John S. Penman,	Irvington.	
J. Hendrik de Vries.		
Francis E. Smith,	New Rochelle 2d,	Charles E. Harvey.
Harris Ely Adriance,	Huguenot Mem'l.	
Henry R. White,	Pleasantville.	
Robert R. White,	Bedford.	
Joseph F. Folsom,	Pound Ridge.	
	Gilead,	William H. Foster.
	29	10
Total present,.....		39

Ministers absent.— Chauncey D. Rice, Addison K. Strong, Charles E. Lindsley, Wilson Phraner, David Murdoch, Lewis H. Reid, William Life, Edward T. Bromfield, Talmon C. Perry, Andrew B. Morse, Anthony R. Macoubrey, Edward B. Allen, Frederick A. M. Brown, David A. Holbrook, Henry M. Baird, Homer S. Newcomb, Theodore S. Pond, Marcellus Bowen, John Reid, Henry A. Davenport, R. Randall Hoes, Willis W. Dowd, Charles E. Upson, James H. Hoyt, William K. Eddy, Charles E. Allison, John H. Trussell, Richard B. Mattice, David Laughlin, James A. McWilliams, Edwin Knox Mitchell, George Cornwell — 32.

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Churches not represented.—White Plains, Southeast, New Haven 1st, Mahopac Falls, Stamford 1st, Croton Falls, Yonkers 1st, Bridgeport 1st, New Rochelle, Katonah, Port Chester, Dayspring, Southeast Centre, Throggs Neck, Peekskill 2d, Mt. Kisco, South Salem, Mt. Vernon 1st, Sing Sing, Irvington, Huguenot Memorial, Pleasantville, Bedford, Pound Ridge, North Salem, Hartford, Patterson—27.

Excused for absence.—Chauncey D. Rice, Lewis H. Reid, Andrew B. Morse, Theodore S. Pond, Marcellus Bowen, R. Randall Hoes, William K. Eddy, John H. Trussell, George Cornwell.

It was ordered that the minutes (p. 300) be corrected by the addition of the following names to those reported as receiving leave of absence:

Minister.—Thornton M. Niven.
Elders.—William H. Parsons, Joseph Conklin.

Rev. Roswell Randall Hoes, Chaplain U. S. N., presented a report as required by Standing Rule No. 34.

A communication was received from Rev. Elias S. Schenck, H. R., certifying that he is 80 years of age, has served our church 48 years as pastor or stated supply, and is in need of aid from the Board of Ministerial Relief to the amount of $300 per annum.

It was ordered that the Stated Clerk endorse Mr. Schenck's application and forward it to the Board in accordance with the action of the General Assembly of 1889 (Min. G. A., 1889, p. 33).

Rev. Edward T. Bromfield was dismissed, at his own request, to the Presbytery of Philadelphia.

Mr. William G. Jenkins, a licentiate, presented a letter of dismission from the Presbytery of Philadelphia. He was received, and it was ordered that his name be enrolled.

Mr. Jenkins's application for ordination was referred to the Committee on Examinations.

Mr. Bruce Wallace Cronmiller, a licentiate, was received by letter of dismission from the Presbytery of New York, and it was ordered that his name be enrolled.

Mr. Cronmiller applied for ordination, and his request was referred to the Committee on Examinations.

The Committee on Examinations reported that they had elected Rev. J. Aspinwall Hodge chairman (p. 287).

An invitation was received from the Second Church of New Rochelle for the Spring Stated Meeting. It was accepted with thanks. Intermediate Meeting, January 17, 1893.

The Moderator appointed the following committees on Sessional records:

Church.	*Minister.*	*Elder.*
South East,	Alexander Miller,	John H. Brown.
New Haven, 1st,	George R. Cutting,,	Henry White.
Croton Falls,	Thornton M. Niven,	Sands S. Bishop.
New Rochelle,	J. Ritchie Smith,	William H. Foster.
Yorktown,	Francis E. Smith,	Charles E. Harvey.
S. E. Centre,	Robert R. White,	Jacob T. Wheeler.
Thompsonville,	Charles S. Lane,	Edw'd P. Whittemore.

The committee appointed to codify the Standing Rules (p. 287) reported, requesting more time. The request was granted.

The commission on the Greenwich Church (p. 308) reported progress, and asked to be continued. The report was accepted, the commission continued, and requested to issue the matter as speedily as practicable.

The committee (p. 296) on overture from General or "Unemployed Ministers and Vacant Churches" (Min. G. A., 1892, p. 215) presented a report recommending the adoption of the overture. The report was accepted and its report was adopted.

Rev. J. Howard Hobbs of the Presbytery of Nassau was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The Committee (p. 296) on overtures from General Assembly on the Revision of the Confession of Faith (Min. G. A., 1892, pp. 128–138) presented a report, which was accepted, and its consideration postponed until the Spring Stated Meeting. It is as follows:

In the last General Assembly objection was made to the transmission of the overtures proposed by the Committee on Revision to the Presbyteries, on the ground that the requirements of the constitution had not been met. The Assembly decided, however, that there had been a substantial, if not a technical, compliance with law, and ordered the overtures to be sent down. Against this action a protest was entered, to which answer was returned by a committee of the Assembly.

We recommend the following action:

1. That overtures 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 16–28 inclusive, be answered in the affirmative.

2. With regard to overture 3, we recommend that it be answered in

the affirmative, or that it be answered in the negative with the recommendation that the whole section be omitted.

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3. With regard to overtures 15 and 15½, we recommend that they be answered in the negative, and that the Assembly be requested to send down a new overture upon the subject, which shall conform more closely to the express teaching of Scripture.

Rev. W. Hart Dexter requested the dissolution of the pastoral relations existing between him and the church of Thompsonville, Conn. The request was referred to a committee consisting of Rev. Messrs. Thornton M. Niven, George R. Cutting, and Elder Edwin A. Knapp.

The Committee on Examinations reported that they had met Licentiate Cronmiller, examined him, and recommended that his public examination be proceeded with. Adopted.

Mr. Cronmiller was examined in Theology, Sacraments, Church History, and Church Polity.

On motion, the preaching of a sermon was dispensed with, on the ground that he had been preaching acceptably for one of our churches for several months. His college diploma was accepted in lieu of an examination in the arts and sciences.

The roll was called and his examination was sustained.

The call of the Gilead Church of Carmel, N. Y., was taken from the table (p. 300) and placed in his hands. It was accepted, and Rev. Robert P. Gibson and Elder William H. Foster were appointed a committee to make arrangement for the ordination and installation.

The sessional records of the Thompsonville and Yorktown churches were approved with exceptions, and that of the Croton Falls church without exception.

The Stated Clerk was authorized to grant a letter of dismission to Licentiate Samuel C. Hodge, whenever he may ask for it.

Rev. J. Aspinwall Hodge reported that the communion set of the Tariffville (Conn.) Church had been sent to the Rev. William K. Eddy of Syria, as directed by Presbytery (p. 286).

The committee to arrange for the ordination and instal-

lation of Licentiate Bruce Wallace Cronmiller presented a report which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows: Intermediate Meeting, January 17, 1893.

That, when Presbytery adjourn, it adjourn to meet in the Gilead Church, Carmel, N. Y., Tuesday, January 31, 1893, at 7.30 P. M. To preside and propound the constitutional questions — The Moderator. Sermon — Rev. Alexander Miller; Rev. David Laughlin, alternate. Charge to the pastor — Rev. John H. Eastman; Rev. William J. Cumming, alternate. Charge to the people — Rev. Robert P. Gibson; Rev. John H. Trussell, alternate.

The committee to which was referred the request of Rev. W. Hart Dexter for the dissolution of the pastoral relation with the Thompsonville church (p. 312) presented majority and minority reports, the majority recommending that the request be granted, and the minority that it be denied. The reports were accepted.

On motion, it was voted that Presbytery hear the entire case.

Commissioners from the session and congregation of the Thompsonville church were heard; also, Principal Charles Jacobus of the Park Congregational church, Springfield, Mass., which had extended a call to Mr. Dexter.

On motion, the majority report was adopted, and the pastoral relation dissolved, to take effect January 31.

Rev. Lewis H. Reid was appointed to preach and declare the pulpit vacant on the first Sunday of February, and Moderator of the Session until the next Stated Meeting of the Presbytery.

The Stated Clerk was authorized to give Rev. W. Hart Dexter a letter of dismission, whenever he should call for it.

The minutes were read and approved.

The Presbytery adjourned to meet in the Gilead church, Carmel, N. Y., Tuesday, January 31, 1893, at 7.30 P. M.

Closed with prayer and the benediction.

W. J. CUMMING,
Stated Clerk.

J. H. EASTMAN,
Permanent Clerk.

CARMEL, N. Y., January 31, 1893.

Adjourned Meeting, January 31, 1893.

The Presbytery of Westchester met, pursuant to adjournment, in the Gilead Presbyterian church, Carmel, N. Y., Tuesday, January 31, 1893, at 7.30 P. M., and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator, Rev. Arthur Requa.

Rev. Robert P. Gibson was appointed clerk *pro tem.*

The roll was called and the following found to be present:

Ministers.	*Churches.*	*Elders.*
Alexander Miller,	Mahopac Falls.	
Robert P. Gibson,	Croton Falls.	
Arthur Requa,	Darien.	
	Gilead,	William H. Foster.

After the devotional exercises, the Presbytery proceeded to the ordination of Licentiate Bruce Wallace Cronmiller, and his installation as pastor of the Gilead church.

In accordance with the arrangements of Presbytery (p. 313), Rev. Alexander Miller preached from the text, Titus 1: 2, "In the hope of eternal life, which God that cannot lie promised before the world began."

The action of Presbytery was stated, and the constitutional questions propounded by the Moderator, Rev. Arthur Requa, who offered the ordaining prayer.

In the absence of those appointed, Rev. Arthur Requa delivered the charge to the pastor.

Rev. Robert Gibson delivered the charge to the people.

It was ordered that the name of Rev. Bruce Wallace Cronmiller be entered on the roll.

The minutes were read and approved.

W. J. CUMMING,
Stated Clerk.

J. H. EASTMAN,
Permanent Clerk.

NEW ROCHELLE, N. Y., April 18, 1893.

Spring Stated Meeting, April 18, 1893.

The Presbytery of Westchester met, pursuant to appointment, in the Second Presbyterian Church, New Rochelle, N. Y., Tuesday, April 18, 1893, at 3 P. M., and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator, Rev. Arthur Requa.

The roll was called and the following found to be present:

Ministers.	*Churches.*	*Elders.*
Charles E. Lindsley.		
David Murdoch.		
Lewis H. Reid.		
Thomas J. Evans.		
William Life.		
Andrew B. Morse.		
J. Aspinwall Hodge (2).		
Roilin A. Sawyer.		
	White Plains,	Edwin A. Slosson.
Thornton M. Niven,	Greenburgh.	
Frederick A. M. Brown (2),	New Haven 1st,	George Petrie (2).
David A. Holbrook (2).		
Alexander Miller (2),	Mahopac Falls.	
Richard P. H. Vail,	Stamford 1st,	George H. Soule (2).
Robert P. Gibson (2),	Croton Falls.	
John Reid (2),	Yonkers 1st,	Ralph E. Prime.
Henry A. Davenport,	Bridgeport 1st,	David F. Hollister.
William B. Waller,	New Rochelle,	John G. Ross.
John H. Eastman,	Katonah,	Joseph Barrett.
Charles E. Upson (2).		
	Portchester,	William H. Scofield (2).
	Peekskill 1st,	Uriah Hill.
William J. Cumming,	Yorktown,	Henry White.
Charles E. Allison (2),	Dayspring,	Thomas F. Hope (2).
John H. Trussell (2),	S. E. Centre,	Warren S. Paddock (2).
Richard B. Mattice,	Throggs Neck,	Charles H. Randall (2).
Irving E. White (2),	Peekskill 2d,	Jacob R. Decatur (2).
	Mt. Kisco,	Ebenezer G. Platt.
Manfred P. Welcher,	South Salem,	George E. Hull.
Charles S. Lane,	Mt. Vernon 1st,	Wm. McD. Halsey.
John E. Bushnell,	Rye,	Henry Parsons.
James A. McWilliams,	Sing Sing,	Daniel E. Provost.
W. Hart Dexter (2).		
Arthur Requa,	Darien,	Benjamin Weed.
George R. Cutting,	Westminster,	Charles R. Otis.
John S. Penman,	Irvington,	William A. Burnham (2).
J. Hendrik de Vries.		
Francis E. Smith,	New Rochelle 2d,	Charles E. Harvey.
Harris Ely Adriance,	Hug. Mem'l.	
	Pleasantville,	Willett C. Brown (2).
	Bedford,	John G. Clark.
Joseph F. Folsom,	Pound Ridge,	John C. Rockwell.
	Gilead,	William H. Foster (2).
	Patterson,	Orson W. Sloat.
William G. Jenkins.		
George F. Danforth.		
38		28
Total present,		66

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Ministers absent. — Elias S. Schenck, Chauncey D. Rice, Addison K. Strong, Wilson Phraner, Talmon C. Perry, Anthony R. Macoubrey, Edward B. Allen, Henry M. Baird, John T. Wills, Homer S. Newcomb, Theodore S. Pond, Christopher R. Brown, Marcellus Bowen, R. Randall Hoes, Willis W. Dowd, William N. Richie, J. Ritchie Smith, James H. Hoyt, William K. Eddy, David Laughlin, Edwin Knox Mitchell, George Cornwell, Henry R. White, Robert R. White, Bruce Wallace Cronmiller, William Watts Davidson. — 26.

Churches not represented. — South East, Greenburgh, Greenwich 1st, Mahopac Falls, Croton Falls, Huguenot Memorial, North Salem, Hartford, Thompsonville. — 9.

Excused for absence from this meeting. — Rev. Messrs. J. Ritchie Smith, Wilson Phraner, Robert R. White, Christopher R. Brown, Homer S. Newcomb, Talmon C. Perry, Anthony R. Macoubrey, David Laughlin, John T. Wills, Edward B. Allen, Elias S. Schenck, Chauncey D. Rice, Theodore S. Pond, Marcellus Bowen, William K. Eddy, George Cornwell.

Excused for absence from the January Intermediate Meeting. — Rev. Messrs. Charles E. Lindsley, William Life, Richard B. Mattice.

Excused for absence from the Fall Stated Meeting. — Rev. Messrs. Charles E. Lindsley and William Life.

Corresponding Members. — Rev. Messrs. John H. Edwards, George W. F. Birch, and James C. Nightingale of the Presbytery of New York.

Rev. Charles S. Lane was elected Moderator for the next six months, and Rev. Joseph F. Folsom Temporary Clerk.

The Committee of Arrangements presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Tuesday — 5.30 P. M., recess. 8 P. M., Sermon by the retiring Moderator, Rev. Arthur Requa.

Wednesday — 8.30–9.30 A. M., Devotional service to be led by Rev. John H. Eastman. 9.30 A. M. to 12.30 P. M., and 2–5.30 P. M., Business sessions. 8 P. M., Conference conducted by Rev. Messrs. Charles E. Allison and George R. Cutting, on "Office and Work of the Holy Spirit."

A communication in regard to delegates to the Synodical Missionary Conference to be held at Saratoga Springs, June 6–8, 1893, was read and referred to Committee on Systematic Benevolence, with instructions to report nomination of delegates.

A communication from the Presbytery of Portland, containing overture to the General Assembly in regard to payment of salaries of home missionaries, was referred to the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension.

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The Stated Clerk reported that he had granted a letter of dismission to Licentiate Samuel C. Hodge to the Presbytery of Lackawanna, as directed (p. 312), on March 25.

A communication from the chairman of the Synod's Committee on Synodical Aid, was referred to the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension.

Rev. Messrs. Wilson Phraner and Talmon C. Perry sent reports of their work for the past year, as required by Standing Rule 34. Accepted.

A petition for the organization of a church at Hastings-on-Hudson, within the bounds of this Presbytery, was received, and with the report of the special committee (p. 294) was made the second order for to-morrow morning.

Rev. William Watts Davidson was received from the Presbytery of Logansport, and it was ordered that his name be enrolled.

Rev. Lewis H. Reid reported that he had preached, as directed (p. 313), on the first Sunday of February at Thompsonville, Conn., and declared the pulpit vacant.

The overture of the General Assembly on "Deaconesses" (Min. of G. A., 1892, p. 170) was referred to a special committee consisting of Rev. Messrs. Thornton M. Niven and Richard B. Mattice and Elder Orson W. Sloat.

The consideration of the report of the Committee on Overtures on Revision of the Confession of Faith (p. 311), was made the third order for to-morrow morning.

Rev. Manfred P. Welcher presented a request for the dissolution of the pastoral relation existing between him and the South Salem Church. The request was received and action deferred.

Rev. John S. Penman presented the narrative of the state of religion, which was accepted, and it was directed that an abstract be entered upon the minutes and sent to the General Assembly. A vote of thanks was passed for his suggestive report. The report is as follows:

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I. Public Worship.

All our churches have been supplied with preaching during the year; the attendance has been good, with a large proportion of the children and youth at the services.

II. Sabbath-Schools.

All our Sabbath-schools are flourishing. The Shorter Catechism is taught in nearly all, and the Westminster Helps are used; but some schools have introduced inductive studies on the Life of Christ. There are seven mission schools, all doing effective work.

III. Meetings for Prayer.

Meetings for prayer are observed in all our churches with varying results. Most churches hold monthly meetings devoted to missions, and all our churches emphasize the mission work. The interest in this work is marked, and the results encouraging.

IV. Family Religion.

Family religion holds its own, and the number of baptized persons admitted to the Lord's Supper shows that God's covenant is duly honored.

V. Benevolence.

All churches report some plan of contributing to the Boards in proportion to their ability. The spirit of giving is growing. Sabbath-schools also manifest their interest in this work. Provision is made for the poor, both by aid and free sittings.

VI. Organizations for Church Work.

Women's Christian Temperance Unions, Helping Hand, King's Daughters, Missionary Associations. Young People's Societies of Christian Endeavor are established in most of our churches, and are doing very effective work.

VII. Revivals.

Seven churches report revivals during the past year under the leadership of Evangelists, reporting 328 additions. Thirteen churches report 90 additions. The remaining seventeen churches make no report, but possibly have added a few. The signs of spiritual prosperity are not marked in all.

VIII. Miscellaneous.

Financial obligations are faithfully met in all our churches. There are no unusual obstructions, except the spirit of worldliness and unbelief induced somewhat by discussions in our churches. The work done for moral reform is largely temperance, through civic and law and order leagues.

Recess was taken until 8 P. M.

Closed with prayer.

Tuesday, 8 P. M.

The Presbytery reassembled.

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After devotional exercises a sermon was preached by the retiring Moderator, Rev. Arthur Requa, from the text, Eph. 2 : 20–22 — "And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone ;

"In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto a holy temple in the Lord :

"In whom ye also are builded together for a habitation of God through the Spirit."

The Moderator announced the following committees :

I. BILLS AND OVERTURES.

Ministers. — Arthur Requa, Harris Ely Adriance, William B. Waller.
Elders. — William McD. Halsey, Ralph E. Prime.

II. JUDICIAL BUSINESS.

Ministers. — John S. Penman, John E. Bushnell, James A. McWilliams.

III. LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

Minister. — William J. Cumming.
Elder. — Charles E. Harvey.

Adjourned until 8.30 A. M. to-morrow.
Closed with prayer.

Wednesday, April 19, 1893.

The Presbytery met at 8.30 A. M., and spent the first hour in devotional exercises, led by Rev. John H. Eastman.

The roll was called, and the following not present yesterday answered to their names:

Ministers. — J. Aspinwall Hodge, Frederick A. M. Brown, David A. Holbrook, Alexander Miller, Robert P. Gibson, John Reid, Henry A. Davenport, Charles E. Upson, Charles E. Allison, John H. Trussell, Irving E. White, W. Hart Dexter.

Elders. — Edwin A. Slosson, George Petrie, George H. Soule, William H. Scofield, Thomas F. Hope, Warren S. Paddock, Charles H. Randall, Jacob R. Decatur, Willett C. Brown.

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The minutes of yesterday's sessions were read and approved.

A communication from Rev. Talmon C. Perry was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

A communication from Rev. James N. Crocker, Synodical Superintendent, was referred to the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension.

An overture from the Session of the Rye Church was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

An overture requesting a National Conference on Missions was referred to the same committee.

An overture on a short and Scriptural Creed was referred to the same committee.

The application of Mr. Henry M. Brown to be received under the care of Presbytery, was referred to the Commitmittee on Education.

The following were placed in nomination as commissioners to the General Assembly:

Ministers. — Rollin A. Sawyer, Arthur Requa, John H. Trussell, Wilson Phraner, Thornton M. Niven, John S. Penman, Francis E. Smith, J. Hendrick de Vries.

Elders. — Charles R. Otis, Daniel E. Provost, Henry Parsons, Samuel H. Wilson, Edward Wells, Orson W. Sloat, Uriah Hill, Ebenezer G. Platt, Ralph E. Prime, Thomas G. Ritch.

The report of the special committee on organization of a church at Hastings and petition (p. 317), were read and referred to the special committee (p. 267). Rev. James A. McWilliams and Elder Daniel E. Provost were appointed in the place of absent members.

The third order of the morning, the report of the special committee on the overtures of the General Assembly on Revision of the Confession of Faith, was then taken up.

On motion, the overtures were taken up seriatim, and overtures 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 16–28, inclusive, were answered in the affirmative. Overture 3

was answered in the negative, with the recommendation that the whole section be admitted. Overtures 15 and 15½ were answered in the negative, and the General Assembly was requested to send down a new overture upon the subject, which shall conform more closely to the express teaching of Scripture. Spring Stated Meeting, April 19, 1893.

Recess was taken until 2 P. M.

Closed with prayer.

Wednesday, 2 P. M.

Presbytery reassembled and was opened with prayer.

An overture from the session of the Westminster Church was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

The first order for the afternoon, the election of commissioners to the General Assembly, was then taken up, and the following were appointed tellers:

Votes for Ministers. — Rev. Irving E. White and Elder Henry Parsons.

Votes for Elders. — Rev. James A. McWilliams and Elder Joseph Barrett.

The following committees on sessional records were appointed:

Churches.	*Ministers.*	*Elders.*
New Haven 1st,	Richard B. Mattice,	David F. Hollister.
New Rochelle,	John S. Penman,	George Petrie.

The special committee on the organization of a church at Hastings (p. 320) reported, recommending the appointment of a committee of five, of which the Moderator, the Stated Clerk, and Rev. Rollin A. Sawyer shall be members, with power to organize a Presbyterian Church in Hastings-on-Hudson, if the way be clear. Adopted.

Elders Charles R. Otis and George A. Chamberlain were appointed as the additional members of the committee.

The request of Rev. Manfred P. Welcher for the dissolution of the pastoral relation existing between himself and the South Salem Church, was taken up.

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The minutes of the congregational meeting were read. Mr. Welcher, Messrs. Henry L. St. John, and Samuel H. Lawrence, commissioners from the Congregation, and Elder George E. Hull, were heard.

The request was then referred to a special committee, consisting of Rev. Messrs. Richard P. H. Vail and John H. Trussell and Elder David F. Hollister.

The tellers presented their reports, and the following were declared elected commissioners to the General Assembly:

PRINCIPALS.

Ministers.	*Elders.*
John H. Trussell,	Henry Parsons,
John S. Penman,	Samuel H. Wilson,
Thornton M. Niven,	Orson W. Sloat.

ALTERNATES.

Rollin A. Sawyer,	Edward Wells,
Wilson Phraner,	Ralph E. Prime,
J. Hendrik de Vries,	Charles R. Otis.

The commission on the Greenwich Church (p. 311) presented a report, which was accepted and adopted, and the commission was discharged. The report is as follows:

The commission appointed by Presbytery at the special meeting of October 31, 1892, to take into consideration the affairs of the church at Greenwich, Conn., would respectfully report that they have held several meetings, and have tried to bring to a successful issue the matters connected with this church.

In the midst of the difficult and delicate questions involved, it was announced to the commission that the Session of the church had been enabled to secure such pecuniary assistance as to relieve them of financial embarrassment. It may not be necessary for the commission to detail the plan which has been adopted by the Greenwich Church.

As the church asked for the appointment of the commission to look into and relieve its difficulties, and as the Session has been able to find help through their own efforts, the commission would ask to be discharged.

The Committee on Foreign Missions presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Your committee would again urge upon the churches the importance of giving the first place in their beneficence to the established agencies of the church. We would press this matter upon the attention of every pastor and session in the Presbytery. Plainly the first duty of the church is to provide for her own offspring — the created Boards of the church — and as loyal Presbyterians we should be chary lest the gifts of our people be diverted at the expense of the established work of the Boards.

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As an aid in stimulating a deeper interest in the cause of foreign missions, we would suggest a more general use of the "helps" issued by the Board for free distribution. These helps consist of leaflets of various kinds prepared with a view to giving brief statements of the scope of the Board, and short reports of the work accomplished. They may not be equally helpful in all congregations, but these or similar leaflets issued under the pastor's own hand are worth the experiment.

Especial attention of Presbytery is called to the Synodical Missionary Congress, appointed by the Synod of New York, to be held in the First Presbyterian Church, Saratoga Springs, June 6–8 next. The origin of this Congress is briefly set forth in its printed circular: — "It is not due to any sudden and impulsive action of the Synod. It is the outgrowth of an earnest debate in many Presbyteries, and was not ordained by the Synod until a large majority of the Presbyteries had voted to approve such a state conference." Its object is to spread before the people in a most attractive manner every organized department of mission work, and promises to be a conference of more than ordinary inspiration and power.

In accordance with the directions of Synod, your committee make the following recommendations: —

1. That this Presbytery shall elect as many ministers and elders as are elected to the Synod and according to the same plan.
2. That each church, so far as possible, shall send at least one representative, who shall be appointed from among the members of the congregation.

The Committee on Systematic Beneficence, to whom was referred paper on Missionary Congress (p. 316), reported, nominating the following ministers and elders as delegates:

PRINCIPALS.

Ministers.	*Elders.*
J. Ritchie Smith,	Benjamin Weed,
Wilson Phraner,	Ralph E. Prime,
John S. Penman,	A. Noel Blakeman,
Charles S. Lane,	Uriah Hill,
Harris Ely Adriance,	Albert Chamberlain,
Irving E. White,	Clarence L. Reid,
John H. Eastman,	Charles R. Otis,
Thornton M. Niven.	Henry White.

ALTERNATES.

Henry A. Davenport,	Edwin A. Slosson,
Charles E. Allison,	John G. Clark,
John Reid,	Orson W. Sloat,
George R. Cutting,	Sanford R. Knapp,
William Life,	William H. Foster,
J. Hendrik de Vries,	David F. Hollister,
John E. Bushnell,	Stanton Cady.
Thomas J. Evans.	

The report was adopted, and the persons nominated were elected.

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The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported, recommending the following answer to the overture from the Session of the Westminster Church (p. 321):

Only two classes of members are known, those on the church roll and those on the reserved list. Inasmuch as Presbytery's attention is called to the fact that a difference of practice exists in respect to the enumeration of members, Presbytery emphasizes the need of a uniform system as part of all our Sessions.

The recommendation was adopted.

The Committee also reported on paper referred to them concerning a National Conference on Missions (p. 320), recommending the adoption of the following overture to be sent to the General Assembly:

In view of the great need of evangelizing the world, committed to the church of Jesus Christ, and for the purpose of creating and deepening the interest in this work, the Presbytery of Westchester overtures the General Assembly at Washington, D. C., to take steps to provide for a Christian National Conference in behalf of missions, including the work at home and abroad.

The recommendation was adopted.

The Committee also reported on paper referred to them (p. 320), proposing a new short creed, recommending that no action be taken. Adopted.

The Committee also reported on communication from Rev. Talmon C. Perry, recommending that it be sent as an overture from this Presbytery to the Synod. The recommendation was adopted. The overture is as follows:

This Presbytery desires to call the attention of the Synod of New York to the fact of the great emigration of the French in Canada to this country, estimated at a million or more; that many French Protestant congregations, especially in New England, have been already formed; that large numbers have been brought to the light through French evangelistic efforts before leaving the Dominion; that large numbers of these are Presbyterians; that in almost every instance the ministers of these congregations received their education partly in the Point aux Trembles schools, under the care of the Presbyterian Board of French Evangelization in Canada, and at the Presbyterian College in Montreal.

And the Presbytery requests the Synod of New York to take such action as may be deemed best with view to secure the connection of French Protestant churches with the Presbyteries within whose bounds they may be situated, where such churches may not already be absorbed in other denominations; and also to encourage the formation of new congregations and churches of French Protestants, where there may be openings within the Synod's bounds.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported on an overture from the session of the Rye Church (p. 320). Spring Stated Meeting, April 19, 1893.

Pending the consideration of this report, the Committee on Examinations presented to the Presbytery Messrs. William G. Jenkins and Benjamin W. Labaree, licentiates, and Robert H. Life and George F. Danforth, candidates.

They read brief statements of their theological views.

The various sub-committees reported favorably on the examinations of these candidates, and upon all their papers which had been referred to them.

The roll was called, and the examinations were unanimously sustained.

Presbytery then voted to license Messrs. Life and Danforth, and to ordain Messrs. Danforth, Labaree, and Jenkins.

The special committee on the request of Rev. Manfred P. Welcher for a dissolution of the pastoral relation existing between him and the South Salem Church (p. 322), reported, recommending that at the request of the commissioners of the Church the Presbytery return the papers, and also at the request of the commissioners Presbytery directs the church at South Salem to reconsider the entire proceedings of their meeting of January 25, in order that new action in the matter be taken by the pastor and the congregation. The report was adopted.

Presbytery ordered that the licensure of Messrs. Richard H. Life and George F. Danforth, and the ordination of Messrs. George F. Danforth and William G. Jenkins take place at the evening sevices.

Rev. J. Aspinwall Hodge was appointed a committee to make arrangements for these services, also for the ordination of Benjamin W. Labaree.

On the recommendation of the committee, the following arrangements were made:

Licensure and ordination of Messrs. Robert H. Life, George F. Danforth, and William G. Jenkins. — To preside and propound the constitutional questions — The Moderator. Ordaining prayer — Rev. Lewis H. Reid. Charge — Rev. J. Aspinwall Hodge.

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Ordination of Licentiate Benjamin W. Labaree. — Date — June 2, 1893, 7.30 P. M. Place — Presbyterian Church, Hartford, Conn. To preside and propound the constitutional questions — The Moderator. Sermon — Rev. Melancthon W. Jacobus, to be invited. Ordaining prayer — Rev. Benjamin Labaree, to be invited. Charge — Rev. J. Aspinwall Hodge.

The Committee on Home Missions reported that the papers referred to them required no action. The report was accepted.

The Committee on the Minutes of the Synod presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

The committee report that the delegates were all present to the end, with almost no exception. They call attention to the following action of Synod:

1. Systematic Beneficence, p. 25.
2. Foreign Missions, pp. 28, 29.
3. Aid for Colleges, p. 31.
4. Synodical Aid, pp. 34, 35.
5. Ministerial Relief, p. 42 (1, 2, 3).

A motion to postpone adjournment to 6 o'clock was carried.

A motion to lay the report of the Committee on Bills and Overtures on overture from the session of the Rye Church on the table, was carried.

Presbytery took a recess until 8 P. M.

Closed with prayer.

Wednesday, 8 P. M.

Presbytery reassembled.

After devotional exercises an address was delivered by Rev. Charles E. Allison on the text, I Thess. 5 : 23 — "The very God of peace sanctify you wholly."

Messrs. George F. Danforth and Robert H. Life were duly licensed to preach the Gospel in accordance with the provision of the Form of Government.

Licentiates George F. Danforth and William G. Jenkins were duly ordained to the work of the Gospel ministry, in accordance with the provisions of the Form of Government, the ordaining prayer being made by Rev. Rollin A. Sawyer in the absence of Rev. Lewis H. Reid, and the charge delivered by Rev. J. Aspinwall Hodge.

The sessional records of New Haven 1st and New Rochelle Churches were approved. Spring Stated Meeting, April 19, 1893.

The report of the committee to recodify the rules (p. 311) was deferred to the Intermediate Meeting.

An invitation from Hastings-on-Hudson to hold the Intermediate Meeting there was accepted with thanks.

The special committee to which was referred the overture sent down by the General Assembly on "Deaconesses" presented a report, which was accepted and laid on the table.

Reports of ministers not pastors were deferred until the Intermediate Meeting.

Reports of committees to prepare minutes on the deaths of Rev. Hugh A. McKelvey and Elder Richard H. Townsend of the Bridgeport Church (pp. 259 and 284), were received, and it was ordered that they should be entered in the necrology.

Moderators of Sessions of vacant churches were appointed, as follows:

Rev. Robert P. Gibson, North Salem.
Rev. Richard B. Mattice, Throggs Neck.
Rev. William N. Richie, Portchester.
Rev. Lewis H. Reid, Hartford.
Rev. John H. Eastman, Patterson.
Rev. Lewis H. Reid, Thompsonville.

The Sessions of these churches were authorized to supply their pulpits until the next stated meeting of Presbytery.

The Committee on Leave of Absence presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

The committee had granted leave of absence to the following:

Ministers. — W. Hart Dexter, Henry A. Davenport, Andrew B. Morse, Manfred P. Welcher, Irving E. White, Richard B. Mattice, James A. McWilliams, Frederick A. M. Brown, John Reid, Lewis H. Reid, Richard P. H. Vail, John E. Bushnell, J. Hendrik de Vries.

Elders. — John C. Rockwell, David F. Hollister, John G. Clark, Ebenezer G. Platt, Henry White, Jacob R. Decatur, George Petrie, Edwin A. Slosson, William H. Scofield, Benjamin Weed.

The roll was called, and the following were found to have withdrawn without leave:

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Ministers. — Charles E. Lindsley, William Life, David A. Holbrook, Alexander Miller, Robert P. Gibson, Charles E. Upson, John H. Trussell, John S. Penman, Harris E. Adriance.

Elders. — George H. Soule, John G. Ross, Thomas F. Hope, Warren S. Paddock, Charles H. Randall, Daniel E. Provost, William A. Burnham.

The minutes of to-day's sessions were read and approved.

Presbytery adjourned to meet in Hartford, Conn., Friday, June 2, 1893, at 7.30 P. M.

Closed with prayer and the benediction.

W. J. CUMMING,
Stated Clerk.

J. H. EASTMAN,
Permanent Clerk.

OFFICERS OF THE PRESBYTERY.

Moderator — Rev. Charles S. Lane, Mt. Vernon, N. Y. *Stated Clerk and Treasurer* — Rev. William J. Cumming, Yorktown, N. Y. *Permanent Clerk* — Rev. John H. Eastman, Katonah, N. Y.

TRUSTEES.

Ministers — Rollin A. Sawyer, Richard P. H. Vail, Thornton M. Niven, John E. Bushnell.

Elders — Edward Wells (*Clerk*, *Peekskill*, *N. Y.*), Uriah Hill, William H. Parsons, Thomas G. Ritch (*Treasurer*, *Stamford*, *Conn.*), Benjamin Weed.

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1893.

Churches,	38	Added on Examination,	446
Sunday-schools,	46	Added on Certificate,	315
Ministers,	64	Total Communicants,	7,468
Licentiates,	10	Adults Baptized,	125
Candidates,	4	Infants Baptized,	225
Elders,	166	Sunday-school Membership,	6,976
Deacons,	62		

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Home Missions,	$15,019	Synodical Aid Fund,	$761
Foreign Missions,	11,150	Aid for Colleges,	849
Education,	1,136	General Assembly,	865
Sunday-school work,	1,835	Congregational,	141,102
Church Erection,	1,092	American Bible Society,	661
Relief Fund,	1,241	Miscellaneous,	11,454
Freedmen,	925		
Total,			$188,090

HARTFORD, CONN., June 2, 1893.

Adjourned Meeting, June 2, 1893.

The Presbytery of Westchester met, pursuant to adjournment, in the Presbyterian Church, Hartford, Conn., June 2, 1893, at 7.30 P.M., and was constituted with prayer by Rev. Henry A. Davenport, the last Moderator present, in the absence of the Moderator, Rev. Charles S. Lane.

Rev. Henry A. Davenport was elected Moderator *pro tem.*

The roll was called and the following found to be present:

Ministers.	*Churches.*	*Elders.*
Lewis H. Reid.		
J. Aspinwall Hodge.		
Henry A. Davenport,	Bridgeport 1st.	
William J. Cumming,	Yorktown.	
Edwin Knox Mitchell.		
William G. Jenkins.		
	Hartford,	Frederick Westwood.
	6	1
Total present,.....		7

On motion the following were invited to sit as corresponding members:

Rev. Benjamin Labaree of the Presbytery of West Persia, Rev John C. Labaree of the Norfolk Association of Massachusetts, Rev. C. S. Beardsley of the Hartford Union Association, Rev. Melancthon W. Jacobus of the Hartford South Association, and Rev. E. P. Hammond of the Presbytery of New York.

Letters of dismission were granted to Rev. Willis W. Dowd to the Pueblo Presbytery, and Licentiate Robert Irwin MacBride to the Chemung Presbytery.

After devotional exercises, conducted by Rev. John C. Labaree, by invitation of Presbytery Rev. Melancthon W. Jacobus of the Hartford Theological Seminary preached from the text, Phil. 2: 7, "But made himself of no reputation, and took upon himself the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men."

The Moderator *pro tem.* stated the action of Presbytery and propounded the constitutional questions.

By invitation the Rev. Benjamin Labaree offered the ordaining prayer.

Adjourned Meeting, June 2, 1893.

The charge was then delivered by Rev. J. Aspinwall Hodge.

The benediction was then pronounced by the newly ordained minister.

After the close of the public service, on motion, it was ordered that the name of Rev. Benjamin W. Labaree should be enrolled.

The minutes were read and approved.

The Presbytery then adjourned to meet at Hastings-on-the-Hudson, N. Y., Tuesday, June 20, 1893.

Closed with prayer.

W. J. Cumming,
Stated Clerk.

J. H. Eastman,
Permanent Clerk.

HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON, N. Y., June 20, 1893.

Intermediate Meeting, June 20, 1893.

The Presbytery of Westchester met, pursuant to appointment, in the Presbyterian Church, Hastings-on-Hudson, N. Y., Tuesday, June 20, 1893, at 10.30 A. M., and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator, Rev. Charles S. Lane.

Rev. J. Ritchie Smith was elected Temporary Clerk.

The roll was called, and the following were found to be present:

Ministers.	*Churches.*	*Elders.*
Rollin A. Sawyer,	Hastings 1st,	William Philip.
	White Plains,	Samuel H. Wilson.
Thornton M. Niven,	Greenburgh,	Joseph Conklin.
Alexander Miller,	Mahopac Falls.	
John Reid,	Yonkers 1st,	George A. Chamberlain.
Henry A. Davenport,	Bridgeport 1st,	George E. Christie.
J. Ritchie Smith,	Peekskill 1st,	Uriah Hill.
William J. Cumming,	Yorktown.	
John H. Trussell,	Brewster.	
Irving E. White,	Peekskill 2d,	Milton Frost.
Manfred P. Welcher,	South Salem,	George E Hull.
Charles S. Lane,	Mt. Vernon 1st,	William McD. Halsey.
	Rye,	Henry Parsons.
	Sing Sing,	Stanton Cady.
Arthur Requa,	Darien,	Benjamin Weed.
George R. Cutting,	Westminster,	William L. Odell.
John S. Penman,	Irvington.	
J. Hendrik de Vries.		
William W. Davidson.		
Francis E. Smith,	New Rochelle 2d,	Charles E. Harvey.
Henry R. White,	Pleasantville.	
Joseph F. Folsom,	Pound Ridge.	
	Patterson,	Orson W. Sloat.
19		15

Total present,.....34

Ministers absent.— Elias S. Schenck, Chauncey D. Rice, Addison K. Strong, Charles E. Lindsley, Wilson Phraner, David Murdoch, Lewis H. Reid, Thomas J. Evans, William Life, Talmon C. Perry, Andrew B. Morse, J. Aspinwall Hodge, Anthony R. Macoubrey, Edward B. Allen, Frederick A. M. Brown, David A. Holbrook, Henry M. Baird, John T. Wills, Homer S. Newcomb, Theodore S. Pond, Christopher R. Brown, Richard P. H. Vail, Robert P. Gibson, Marcellus Bowen, William B. Waller, R. Randall Hoes, John H. Eastman, Charles E. Upson, William N. Richie, James H. Hoyt, William K. Eddy, Charles E. Allison, Richard B. Mattice, David Laughlin, John E. Bushnell, James A. McWilliams, W. Hart Dexter, Edwin Knox Mitchell, Harris Ely Adriance, George Cornwell, Robert R. White, Bruce Wallace Cronmiller, William G. Jenkins, George F. Danforth.—44.

Churches not represented.— South East, New Haven 1st, Greenwich 1st, Mahopac Falls, Stamford 1st, Croton Falls, New Rochelle 1st, Katonah, Portchester, Yorktown, Dayspring, S. E. Center, Throgg's

Neck, Mt. Kisco, Irvington, Huguenot Memorial, Pleasantville, Bedford, Pound Ridge, Gilead, North Salem, Hartford, Thompsonville.—23.

Intermediate Meeting, June 20, 1893.

Excused for absence.—Lewis H. Reid, Edwin Knox Mitchell, George F. Danforth, John H. Eastman, Richard P. H. Vail.

The Committee on Arrangements reported, recommending that Presbytery take a recess for lunch, at its pleasure. It was ordered that the hour for recess be fixed at 12.30 P. M.

A letter was read from Rev. J. Aspinwall Hodge, requesting dismission to the Presbytery of Chester.

On motion, it was ordered that the request be granted, and that a committee be appointed to prepare a suitable minute.

The Moderator appointed Rev. Messrs. Thornton M. Niven and Rollin A. Sawyer, and Elder William McD. Halsey such committee.

Rev. George F. Danforth requested, by letter, that the Stated Clerk should be empowered to grant him a letter of dismission when he should ask it. The request was granted.

Rev. George R. Cutting was appointed to fill vacancy on Committee on Education, and Rev. Charles S. Lane that in the Committee on Examinations, made by the removal of Rev. J. Aspinwall Hodge to another Presbytery.

Rev. Charles S. Lane was appointed chairman of the Committee on Education.

The Committee on Examinations was directed to elect a chairman in place of Rev. J. Aspinwall Hodge.

Rev. J. Hendrik de Vries asked to be dismissed to the Classis of Westchester, that he might accept a call to the pastorate of Reformed Church at Bronxville. The request was granted, and Rev. Messrs. George R. Cutting and John S. Penman, and Elder George A. Chamberlain were appointed a committee to prepare a minute for the records of Presbytery.

The place for the Fall Stated Meeting was referred to the Stated and Permanent Clerks.

The following were appointed a committee to nominate delegates to the Synod:

Intermediate Meeting, June 20, 1893.

Ministers.— William B. Waller, John E. Bushnell.
Elder.— Charles E. Harvey.

The committee appointed to organize a church at Hastings-on-Hudson, N. Y. (p. 321), presented a report which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Your committee met at Hastings on the evening of April 28th, but was unable to organize a church, because there were not a sufficient number of male members to fill the necessary offices, others not being able at that time to secure letters of dismission. Your committee met a second time on Thursday evening, May 4th. Twenty-one persons presented letters, and two were received on examination. Your committee then proceeded to organize a church, as directed. The Moderator, Rev. Charles S. Lane, preached a sermon from Acts 14 : 23. The prayer of organization was offered by Rev. Rollin A. Sawyer, the prayer of ordination and installation of elders and deacons by Rev. Charles S. Lane, and the charge was given by Rev. William J. Cumming. The name by which the church is to be known is the First Presbyterian Church of Hastings-on-Hudson, N. Y. Rev. Rollin A. Sawyer was appointed Moderator of the Session. The following officers were elected: Irving F. Nelson, Perrine E. Reid, and William Philip, elders; and William Beekman, John Milne Forbes, John J. Blackford, deacons.

Your committee recommend that the Stated Clerk be directed to enroll the church.

The committee to recodify and revise the Standing Rules (p. 327) presented a report which was accepted, and is as follows:

Your committee would recommend the following changes, to be voted on, in accordance with Rule 35, at the Spring Stated Meeting, April, 1894.

1. That Rule 12 be amended so as to read — "He shall also prepare, print, and deliver in like manner *each year* a list of Ruling Elders, etc." This amendment is proposed that Presbytery may always have a reasonably accurate list of its elders.

2. That Rule 18 be amended by omitting that portion which prescribes the number of ministers and elders on certain committees. In the future this will, then, be determined by resolution and not by standing rule. This amendment is to prevent the frequent changes from standing rules found necessary in the past. Until otherwise ordered, these committees shall be constituted as at present.

3. That Rule 33 be amended so as to read "*before* the Spring Stated Meeting" instead of "*at*," etc.

4. That the changes in numbering, as presented in the report, be adopted.

No. 4 was adopted, and action on Nos. 1, 2, and 3 was postponed until the Spring Stated Meeting.

Commissioners to the General Assembly reported their

attendance. Their fidelity was approved with the thanks of the Presbytery.

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Elder Benjamin Weed and Rev. Messrs. George R. Cutting, Irving E. White, and J. Ritchie Smith, delegates to the Missionary Congress at Saratoga, reported attendance.

The application of the church at Pound Ridge, N. Y., to the Board of Home Missions for aid to the amount of $200 from the Synodical Aid Fund was approved, and the Stated Clerk was directed to send with the application a statement of the work of the church.

On motion, it was resolved that all the ministers and elders of the Presbytery be invited to contribute towards the building fund of the Pound Ridge Church.

The Stated Clerk was directed to communicate the above action to the Session of each church, and was authorized to incur the necessary expenses.

The action of the church of South Salem, N. Y., at a congregational meeting held May 16, 1893, on the resignation of their pastor, Rev. Manfred P. Welcher (p. 325), was read, and Mr. Welcher presented a request for the dissolution of the pastoral relation. The commissioners, Samuel H. Lawrence and Henry L. St. John, and Elder George E. Hull, the delegate to Presbytery, were heard.

On motion, the pastoral relation was dissolved, to take effect, as stipulated in the resolution passed by the church at the congregational meeting, at a time to be signified by Mr. Welcher.

A recess was taken until 1.30 P. M.

Closed with prayer.

1.30 P. M.

Presbytery reassembled and was opened with prayer.

On motion, it was ordered that the free-will offering to the building fund of the Pound Ridge Church should be sent to the Treasurer of Presbytery, and by him paid to the church.

On motion, it was ordered that the pulpit of the South Salem Church shall be declared vacant by Rev. John H. Eastman at such time as Rev. Manfred P. Welcher shall designate, on due notice given by him to the Stated Clerk. Intermediate Meeting, June 20, 1893.

Rev. John H. Eastman was appointed Moderator of the Session of the South Salem Church.

On motion, the Pleasantville Church was recommended to the Board of Home Missions for aid to the amount of $200 from the Synodical Aid Fund.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the officers and ladies of the church for their hospitable entertainment.

The committee to prepare a minute on the removal of Rev. J. Aspinwall Hodge from the Presbytery (p. 332) presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

The Presbytery of Westchester desires to put on record their sincere appreciation of the loss which they sustain in the removal of Dr. Hodge from our bounds.

The relation which he has sustained to the Presbytery during its entire existence until the present day has been peculiarly interesting. We have rejoiced in the presence of Dr. Hodge at all our meetings. We have been helped by his steadfastness to duty. We have been inspired by his zeal and devotion to the cause of the Master, and by his loyalty to the principles of Presbyterianism.

We are reluctant to say farewell to this dear brother, but we rejoice that the Lord has called him to a field of labor which promises unbounded usefulness, and while we part with him with genuine sorrow, we would bid our brother God speed, and pray for him the greatest success in the work to which the Master has called him.

The committee to prepare a minute on the dismission of Rev. J. Hendrik de Vries (p. 332) presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

The Presbytery desires, in granting a letter of dismission to Rev. J. Hendrik de Vries to the Classis of Westchester, to place on record its high appreciation of the fidelity of our brother during the five years of his ministry with us, in all his relations as a minister of the gospel of Jesus Christ and a member of Presbytery. We desire to express in this resolution our universal regret in thus severing our official relations. We now reluctantly give him back to the classis which licensed him and commended him to us; and do most cordially commend him to our brethren in the Classis of Westchester, in the hope that the Lord will further bless his work and still more abundantly in the new field of labor to which he is now called by the Master.

The Committee on Examinations presented Mr. Henry M. Brown as an applicant for licensure. He was exam-

ined by the Moderator on his religious experience and his views in seeking the ministry.

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On motion, he was received as a candidate for the ministry.

He then read a brief statement of his theological views.

The Committee on Examinations reported favorably on his written parts of trial and on his examination in the Hebrew and Greek languages, theology, history, sacraments, and Church government. The report was accepted.

The candidate then read an outline of his sermon.

The roll was called and the examination was unanimously sustained.

On motion, it was voted to proceed to Mr. Brown's licensure.

He was then licensed to preach the gospel in accordance with the requirements of the Form of Government.

A call of the church of Patterson, N. Y., for the pastoral services of Rev. Oliver S. Dean was presented, found in order, and laid upon the table for the present, in his absence.

The Committee on Examinations reported that they had elected Rev. J. Ritchie Smith chairman.

The minutes were read and approved.

Presbytery adjourned.

Closed with prayer and the benediction.

W. J. Cumming,
Stated Clerk.

J. H. Eastman,
Permanent Clerk.

HARTFORD, CONN., June 2, 1893.

Adjourned Meeting, June 2, 1893.

The Presbytery of Westchester met, pursuant to adjournment, in the Presbyterian Church, Hartford, Conn., June 2, 1893, at 7.30 P.M., and was constituted with prayer by Rev. Henry A. Davenport, the last Moderator present, in the absence of the Moderator, Rev. Charles S. Lane.

Rev. Henry A. Davenport was elected Moderator *pro tem.*

The roll was called and the following found to be present:

Ministers.	*Churches.*	*Elders.*
Lewis H. Reid.		
J. Aspinwall Hodge.		
Henry A. Davenport,	Bridgeport 1st.	
William J. Cumming,	Yorktown.	
Edwin Knox Mitchell.		
William G. Jenkins.		
	Hartford,	Frederick Westwood.
	6	1
Total present,.....		7

On motion the following were invited to sit as corresponding members:

Rev. Benjamin Labaree of the Presbytery of West Persia, Rev John C. Labaree of the Norfolk Association of Massachusetts, Rev. C. S. Beardsley of the Hartford Union Association, Rev. Melancthon W. Jacobus of the Hartford South Association, and Rev. E. P. Hammond of the Presbytery of New York.

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After devotional exercises, conducted by Rev. John C. Labaree, by invitation of Presbytery Rev. Melancthon W. Jacobus of the Hartford Theological Seminary preached from the text, Phil. 2: 7, "But made himself of no reputation, and took upon himself the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men."

The Moderator *pro tem.* stated the action of Presbytery and propounded the constitutional questions.

By invitation the Rev. Benjamin Labaree offered the ordaining prayer.

Adjourned Meeting, June 2, 1893.

The charge was then delivered by Rev. J. Aspinwall Hodge.

The benediction was then pronounced by the newly ordained minister.

After the close of the public service, on motion, it was ordered that the name of Rev. Benjamin W. Labaree should be enrolled.

The minutes were read and approved.

The Presbytery then adjourned to meet at Hastings-on-the-Hudson, N. Y., Tuesday, June 20, 1893.

Closed with prayer.

W. J. Cumming,
Stated Clerk.

J. H. Eastman,
Permanent Clerk.

HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON, N. Y., June 20, 1893.

Intermediate Meeting, June 20, 1893.

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Rev. J. Ritchie Smith was elected Temporary Clerk.

The roll was called, and the following were found to be present:

Ministers.	*Churches.*	*Elders.*
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	White Plains,	Samuel H. Wilson.
Thornton M. Niven,	Greenburgh,	Joseph Conklin.
Alexander Miller,	Mahopac Falls.	
John Reid,	Yonkers 1st,	George A. Chamberlain.
Henry A. Davenport,	Bridgeport 1st,	George E. Christie.
J. Ritchie Smith,	Peekskill 1st,	Uriah Hill.
William J. Cumming,	Yorktown.	
John H. Trussell,	Brewster.	
Irving E. White,	Peekskill 2d,	Milton Frost.
Manfred P. Welcher,	South Salem,	George E Hull.
Charles S. Lane,	Mt. Vernon 1st,	William McD. Halsey.
	Rye,	Henry Parsons.
	Sing Sing,	Stanton Cady.
Arthur Requa,	Darien,	Benjamin Weed.
George R. Cutting,	Westminster,	William L. Odell.
John S. Penman,	Irvington.	
J. Hendrik de Vries.		
William W. Davidson.		
Francis E. Smith,	New Rochelle 2d,	Charles E. Harvey.
Henry R. White,	Pleasantville.	
Joseph F. Folsom,	Pound Ridge.	
	Patterson,	Orson W. Sloat.
	19	15

Total present,.....34

Ministers absent.— Elias S. Schenck, Chauncey D. Rice, Addison K. Strong, Charles E. Lindsley, Wilson Phraner, David Murdoch, Lewis H. Reid, Thomas J. Evans, William Life, Talmon C. Perry, Andrew B. Morse, J. Aspinwall Hodge, Anthony R. Macoubrey, Edward B. Allen, Frederick A. M. Brown, David A. Holbrook, Henry M. Baird, John T. Wills, Homer S. Newcomb, Theodore S. Pond, Christopher R. Brown, Richard P. H. Vail, Robert P. Gibson, Marcellus Bowen, William B. Waller, R. Randall Hoes, John H. Eastman, Charles E. Upson, William N. Richie, James H. Hoyt, William K. Eddy, Charles E. Allison, Richard B. Mattice, David Laughlin, John E. Bushnell, James A. McWilliams, W. Hart Dexter, Edwin Knox Mitchell, Harris Ely Adriance, George Cornwell, Robert R. White, Bruce Wallace Cronmiller, William G. Jenkins, George F. Danforth.— 44.

Churches not represented.— South East, New Haven 1st, Greenwich 1st, Mahopac Falls, Stamford 1st, Croton Falls, New Rochelle 1st, Katonah, Portchester, Yorktown, Dayspring, S. E. Center, Throgg's

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Neck, Mt. Kisco, Irvington, Huguenot Memorial, Pleasantville, Bedford, Pound Ridge, Gilead, North Salem, Hartford, Thompsonville.—23.

Excused for absence.—Lewis H. Reid, Edwin Knox Mitchell, George F. Danforth, John H. Eastman, Richard P. H. Vail.

The Committee on Arrangements reported, recommending that Presbytery take a recess for lunch, at its pleasure. It was ordered that the hour for recess be fixed at 12.30 P. M.

A letter was read from Rev. J. Aspinwall Hodge, requesting dismission to the Presbytery of Chester.

On motion, it was ordered that the request be granted, and that a committee be appointed to prepare a suitable minute.

The Moderator appointed Rev. Messrs. Thornton M. Niven and Rollin A. Sawyer, and Elder William McD. Halsey such committee.

Rev. George F. Danforth requested, by letter, that the Stated Clerk should be empowered to grant him a letter of dismission when he should ask it. The request was granted.

Rev. George R. Cutting was appointed to fill vacancy on Committee on Education, and Rev. Charles S. Lane that in the Committee on Examinations, made by the removal of Rev. J. Aspinwall Hodge to another Presbytery.

Rev. Charles S. Lane was appointed chairman of the Committee on Education.

The Committee on Examinations was directed to elect a chairman in place of Rev. J. Aspinwall Hodge.

Rev. J. Hendrik de Vries asked to be dismissed to the Classis of Westchester, that he might accept a call to the pastorate of Reformed Church at Bronxville. The request was granted, and Rev. Messrs. George R. Cutting and John S. Penman, and Elder George A. Chamberlain were appointed a committee to prepare a minute for the records of Presbytery.

The place for the Fall Stated Meeting was referred to the Stated and Permanent Clerks.

The following were appointed a committee to nominate delegates to the Synod:

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Ministers.— William B. Waller, John E. Bushnell.
Elder.— Charles E. Harvey.

The committee appointed to organize a church at Hastings-on-Hudson, N. Y. (p. 321), presented a report which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Your committee met at Hastings on the evening of April 28th, but was unable to organize a church, because there were not a sufficient number of male members to fill the necessary offices, others not being able at that time to secure letters of dismission. Your committee met a second time on Thursday evening, May 4th. Twenty-one persons presented letters, and two were received on examination. Your committee then proceeded to organize a church, as directed. The Moderator, Rev. Charles S. Lane, preached a sermon from Acts 14 : 23. The prayer of organization was offered by Rev. Rollin A. Sawyer, the prayer of ordination and installation of elders and deacons by Rev. Charles S. Lane, and the charge was given by Rev. William J. Cumming. The name by which the church is to be known is the First Presbyterian Church of Hastings-on-Hudson, N. Y. Rev. Rollin A. Sawyer was appointed Moderator of the Session. The following officers were elected: Irving F. Nelson, Perrine E. Reid, and William Philip, elders; and William Beekman, John Milne Forbes, John J. Blackford, deacons.

Your committee recommend that the Stated Clerk be directed to enroll the church.

The committee to recodify and revise the Standing Rules (p. 327) presented a report which was accepted, and is as follows:

Your committee would recommend the following changes, to be voted on, in accordance with Rule 35, at the Spring Stated Meeting, April, 1894.

1. That Rule 12 be amended so as to read — "He shall also prepare, print, and deliver in like manner *each year* a list of Ruling Elders, etc." This amendment is proposed that Presbytery may always have a reasonably accurate list of its elders.

2. That Rule 18 be amended by omitting that portion which prescribes the number of ministers and elders on certain committees. In the future this will, then, be determined by resolution and not by standing rule. This amendment is to prevent the frequent changes from standing rules found necessary in the past. Until otherwise ordered, these committees shall be constituted as at present.

3. That Rule 33 be amended so as to read "*before* the Spring Stated Meeting" instead of "*at*," etc.

4. That the changes in numbering, as presented in the report, be adopted.

No. 4 was adopted, and action on Nos. 1, 2, and 3 was postponed until the Spring Stated Meeting.

Commissioners to the General Assembly reported their

attendance. Their fidelity was approved with the thanks of the Presbytery.

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Elder Benjamin Weed and Rev. Messrs. George R. Cutting, Irving E. White, and J. Ritchie Smith, delegates to the Missionary Congress at Saratoga, reported attendance.

The application of the church at Pound Ridge, N. Y., to the Board of Home Missions for aid to the amount of $200 from the Synodical Aid Fund was approved, and the Stated Clerk was directed to send with the application a statement of the work of the church.

On motion, it was resolved that all the ministers and elders of the Presbytery be invited to contribute towards the building fund of the Pound Ridge Church.

The Stated Clerk was directed to communicate the above action to the Session of each church, and was authorized to incur the necessary expenses.

The action of the church of South Salem, N. Y., at a congregational meeting held May 16, 1893, on the resignation of their pastor, Rev. Manfred P. Welcher (p. 325), was read, and Mr. Welcher presented a request for the dissolution of the pastoral relation. The commissioners, Samuel H. Lawrence and Henry L. St. John, and Elder George E. Hull, the delegate to Presbytery, were heard.

On motion, the pastoral relation was dissolved, to take effect, as stipulated in the resolution passed by the church at the congregational meeting, at a time to be signified by Mr. Welcher.

A recess was taken until 1.30 P. M.

Closed with prayer.

1.30 P. M.

Presbytery reassembled and was opened with prayer.

On motion, it was ordered that the free-will offering to the building fund of the Pound Ridge Church should be sent to the Treasurer of Presbytery, and by him paid to the church.

On motion, it was ordered that the pulpit of the South Salem Church shall be declared vacant by Rev. John H. Eastman at such time as Rev. Manfred P. Welcher shall designate, on due notice given by him to the Stated Clerk. Intermediate Meeting, June 20, 1893.

Rev. John H. Eastman was appointed Moderator of the Session of the South Salem Church.

On motion, the Pleasantville Church was recommended to the Board of Home Missions for aid to the amount of $200 from the Synodical Aid Fund.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the officers and ladies of the church for their hospitable entertainment.

The committee to prepare a minute on the removal of Rev. J. Aspinwall Hodge from the Presbytery (p. 332) presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

The Presbytery of Westchester desires to put on record their sincere appreciation of the loss which they sustain in the removal of Dr. Hodge from our bounds.

The relation which he has sustained to the Presbytery during its entire existence until the present day has been peculiarly interesting. We have rejoiced in the presence of Dr. Hodge at all our meetings. We have been helped by his steadfastness to duty. We have been inspired by his zeal and devotion to the cause of the Master, and by his loyalty to the principles of Presbyterianism.

We are reluctant to say farewell to this dear brother, but we rejoice that the Lord has called him to a field of labor which promises unbounded usefulness, and while we part with him with genuine sorrow, we would bid our brother God speed, and pray for him the greatest success in the work to which the Master has called him.

The committee to prepare a minute on the dismission of Rev. J. Hendrik de Vries (p. 332) presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

The Presbytery desires, in granting a letter of dismission to Rev. J. Hendrik de Vries to the Classis of Westchester, to place on record its high appreciation of the fidelity of our brother during the five years of his ministry with us, in all his relations as a minister of the gospel of Jesus Christ and a member of Presbytery. We desire to express in this resolution our universal regret in thus severing our official relations. We now reluctantly give him back to the classis which licensed him and commended him to us; and do most cordially commend him to our brethren in the Classis of Westchester, in the hope that the Lord will further bless his work and still more abundantly in the new field of labor to which he is now called by the Master.

The Committee on Examinations presented Mr. Henry M. Brown as an applicant for licensure. He was exam-

ined by the Moderator on his religious experience and his views in seeking the ministry.

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On motion, he was received as a candidate for the ministry.

He then read a brief statement of his theological views.

The Committee on Examinations reported favorably on his written parts of trial and on his examination in the Hebrew and Greek languages, theology, history, sacraments, and Church government. The report was accepted.

The candidate then read an outline of his sermon.

The roll was called and the examination was unanimously sustained.

On motion, it was voted to proceed to Mr. Brown's licensure.

He was then licensed to preach the gospel in accordance with the requirements of the Form of Government.

A call of the church of Patterson, N. Y., for the pastoral services of Rev. Oliver S. Dean was presented, found in order, and laid upon the table for the present, in his absence.

The Committee on Examinations reported that they had elected Rev. J. Ritchie Smith chairman.

The minutes were read and approved.

Presbytery adjourned.

Closed with prayer and the benediction.

W. J. Cumming,
Stated Clerk.

J. H. Eastman,
Permanent Clerk.

Mt. Kisco, N. Y., October 3, 1893. Fall Stated Meeting, October 3, 1893.

The Presbytery of Westchester met pursuant to appointment, in Presbyterian Church at Mt. Kisco, N. Y., Tuesday, October 3, 1893, at 3.45 P. M., and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator, Rev. Charles S. Lane.

The roll was called and the following found to be present:

Ministers.	*Churches.*	*Elders.*
William Life.		
Talmon C. Perry.		
Rollin A. Sawyer (2),	Hastings 1st.	
	White Plains,	Edwin A. Slosson.
Thornton M. Niven,	Greenburgh,	James B. Carpenter (2).
	Greenwich 1st,	Edwin A. Knapp.
Homer S. Newcomb.		
Christopher R. Brown.		
Alexander Miller,	Mahopac Falls,	C. Coles Dusenbury (2).
	Stamford 1st,	Moses M. Hobby (2).
Robert P. Gibson,	Croton Falls,	George W. Abrams.
John Reid (2),	Yonkers 1st,	Ralph E. Prime.
Henry A. Davenport,	Bridgeport 1st,	R. Melville Keys.
William B. Waller (2),	New Rochelle 1st.	
John H. Eastman,	Katonah.	
William N. Richie,	Port Chester,	John Miller.
	Peekskill 1st,	Sanford R. Knapp.
James H. Hoyt (2).		
William J. Cumming,	Yorktown,	Henry White.
Charles E. Allison (2),	Dayspring,	William Smith (2).
John H. Trussell,	S. E. Centre,	Warren S. Paddock (2).
Richard B. Mattice (2),	Throggs Neck,	Marvin R. Baxter (2).
Irving E. White (2),	Peekskill 2d,	Jacob R. Decatur (2).
David Laughlin,	Mt. Kisco,	Joseph Banks.
Manfred P. Welcher (2),	South Salem,	John F. Bouton.
Charles S. Lane,	Mt. Vernon 1st,	John Irwin.
Adrian V. S. Wallace,	Thompsonville,	James Morrison.
John E. Bushnell (2),	Rye,	Edw'd P. Whittemore(2).
James A. McWilliams (2),	Sing Sing,	Frank L. Youngs (2).
Arthur Requa,	Darien,	Benjamin Weed.
George R. Cutting,	Westminster,	William McKim.
John S. Penman (2),	Irvington,	John T. Terry.
William Watts Davidson.		
Francis E. Smith (2),	New Rochelle 2d.	
Harris Ely Adriance (2),	Hug. Mem'l,	David I. Carson.
Henry R. White,	Pleasantville,	Benj. J. Carpenter (2).
Robert R. White,	Bedford,	Albert Williamson.
Joseph F. Folsom,	Pound Ridge,	Albert Scofield.
	Gilead,	George E. Reed (2).
	Patterson,	Orson W. Sloat (2).
	34	30

Total present,.....64

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Ministers absent.— Elias S. Schenck, Chauncey D. Rice, Addison K. Strong, Charles E. Lindsley, Wilson Phraner, David Murdoch, Lewis H. Reid, Thomas J. Evans, Andrew B. Morse, Anthony R. Macoubrey, Edward B. Allen, Frederick A. M. Brown, David A. Holbrook, Henry M. Baird, John T. Wills, Theodore S. Pond, Richard P. H. Vail, Marcellus Bowen, R. Randall Hoes, Charles E. Upson, J. Ritchie Smith, William K. Eddy, W. H. Dexter, Edwin Knox Mitchell, George Cornwell, Bruce Wallace Cronmiller, William G. Jenkins.—27.

Churches not represented.—Hastings 1st, South East, New Haven 1st, New Rochelle 1st, Katonah, New Rochelle 2d, North Salem, Hartford.—8.

Excused for absence from this meeting.—Rev. Messrs. J. Ritchie Smith, R. Randall Hoes, Anthony R. Macoubrey, Marcellus Bowen, Theodore S. Pond, William K. Eddy, George Cornwell, Charles E. Lindsley, Edwin Knox Mitchell, Andrew B. Morse, Lewis H. Reid, William G. Jenkins, Charles E. Upson, David Murdoch, Addison K. Strong, John T. Wills, Wilson Phraner, W. Hart Dexter, Bruce Wallace Cronmiller, Richard P. H. Vail, Elder John Johnston of the Hartford Church.

Excused for absence from the Spring Stated Meeting.—Addison K. Strong, Henry M. Baird, R. Randall Hoes, Edwin Knox Mitchell, Henry R. White.

Excused for absence from the June Intermediate Meeting.—Elias S. Schenck, Chauncey D. Rice, Addison K. Strong, William Life, Talmon C. Perry, Homer S. Newcomb.

Corresponding Members.—Rev. James N. Crocker of the Presbytery of Albany, Rev. W. A. Chadwick of the New York Conference of the M. E. Church, Rev. F. F. Blessing of the Presbytery of Albany.

Rev. Alex. Miller was elected Moderator for the next six months.

Rev. John H. Eastman was elected Permanent Clerk for the term of one year.

Rev. Joseph F. Folsom was elected Temporary Clerk.

The Committee of Arrangements presented a report which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Tuesday.—5.30 P. M., recess. 7.30 P. M., Sermon by the retiring Moderator, Rev. Charles S. Lane.

Wednesday.—8.30–9.30 A. M., Devotional service to be led by Rev. Henry A. Davenport. 9.30 A. M.–12 M., and 2–5.30 P. M., Business sessions. 7.30 P. M., Popular meeting with short addresses by members of Presbytery.

The request of Rev. John S. Penman for the dissolution of pastoral relation with the church at Irvington, N. Y., was made the second order for to-morrow morning.

A communication from the Secretary of the Evangelical

Alliance was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

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The Stated Clerk reported that he had given a letter of dismission, July 5, 1893, to Mr. Eugene Merritt from the Somers Church (dissolved) to the Croton Falls Church. Approved.

The question of the property of the Somers Church (dissolved October, 1880), was referred to the Trustees of Presbytery.

Rev. George Cornwell was, at his own request, dismissed to the Presbytery of Shantung.

A communication from the Board of Home Missions, stating that appropriations of $200 and $130 had been made to the Pleasantville and Pound Ridge Churches respectively, was referred to the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension.

The Stated Clerk reported that he had, by the authority of Presbytery (p. 332), granted a letter of dismission to Rev. George F. Danforth, to the Presbytery of Steuben, August 23, 1893.

Rev. Charles E. Lindsley reported by letter his work for the past year. Accepted.

Rev. James N. Crocker of the Presbytery of Albany, was invited to sit as corresponding member.

The Treasurer of Presbytery reported that he had received $164 for the Pound Ridge Church (p. 334), and had paid over $146, leaving a balance on hand of $18. He also reported that $39 had been sent direct to the church, making a total of $203.

Rev. Adrian V. S. Wallace was received by letter of dismission from the Presbytery of Troy.

A call from the Church at Thompsonville, Conn., for his services as pastor was presented. The minutes of the Congregational meeting were read. Elder James Morrison was heard as commissioner from the church. The call was found in order, and placed in Mr. Wallace's hands, and by him accepted.

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Rev. John H. Trussell, Adrian V. S. Wallace, and Elder James Morrison were appointed a committee to make arrangements for his installation.

Rev. James N. Crocker, Synodical Superintendent, addressed the Presbytery, by invitation, upon the subject of Synodical Sustentation.

An invitation from the Westminster Church, Yonkers, N. Y., for the January Intermediate Meeting was accepted.

A hearty vote of thanks was given to the Mt. Kisco Church in coming to the relief of Presbytery, and providing a place for the present meeting.

The Committee on Church Erection presented a report, which was accepted, and is as follows:

The Board of Church Erection extended its work more widely during the past year than in any previous year, and disbursed a larger amount of money, not because its receipts were larger, but because the calls for help were so much greater than ever before, that it felt constrained to draw temporarily upon the permanent fund to the amount of $19,000, to meet these calls. Not only so, but because of these unprecedented demands and the inadequacy of its resources, the Board, for the first time in its history, postponed action upon 22 applications for sums aggregating $12,000.

The contributions of the Presbytery of Westchester to this cause for the year ending April, 1892, were $1,726. Last year the amount was $1,092, a falling off of 36 per cent. Leaving out Hastings 1st and North Salem, there were six churches that made no contribution the past year against four the year before, two of the six were among the four of the previous year. The above figures, however, are not really so bad as they sound. The large total of the year before this last was the result of one large contribution, that of the New Rochelle ($868), toward the erection of the New Rochelle 2d, being exactly half of the whole contribution of the Presbytery. As an encouraging fact, notwithstanding the financial stringency of the past year, the contributions generally throughout the Presbytery were somewhat larger than the year before.

Rev. Messrs. John H. Eastman and William J. Cumming and Elders Ralph E. Prime and Sanford R. Knapp were appointed to consider and report upon hour for beginning the stated meetings of Presbytery.

Recess was taken until 7.30 P. M.

Closed with prayer.

Tuesday, 7.30 P. M.

The Presbytery reassembled.

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After devotional exercises, the retiring Moderator, Rev. Charles S. Lane, preached from the text, 2 Tim. 2: 15 — "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

The Moderator then announced the following committees:

I. BILLS AND OVERTURES.

Ministers.— Charles S. Lane, William N. Richie, Henry A. Davenport.
Elders.— William McKim, Ralph E. Prime.

II. JUDICIAL BUSINESS.

Ministers.— George R. Cutting, Thornton M. Niven, John H. Trussell.
Elders.— John G. Clark, Edwin A. Knapp.

III. LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

Minister.— William J. Cumming.
Elder.— Joseph Banks.

IV. FINANCE.

Elders.— Sanford R. Knapp, William McKim.

V. SESSIONAL RECORDS.

Churches.	*Ministers.*	*Elders.*
1. Hastings 1st.		
2. White Plains,	James H. Hoyt,	C. Coles Dusenbury.
3. South East.		
4. Greenburgh,	William Life,	Warren S. Paddock.
5 New Haven 1st.		
6. Greenwich 1st.	Arthur Requa,	Sanford R. Knapp.
7. Mahopac Falls,	Robert R. White,	Albert Scofield.
8. Stamford 1st,	Richard B. Mattice,	Edwin A. Slosson.
9. Croton Falls.		
10. Yonkers 1st,	Robert R. White,	Benjamin Weed.
11. Bridgeport 1st,	Talmon C. Perry,	Joseph Banks.
12. New Rochelle 1st,		
13. Katonah,	William Richie,	Henry White.
14. Port Chester,	George R. Cutting,	John G. Clark.
15. Peekskill 1st,	John H. Trussell,	James Morrison.
16. Yorktown,	Thornton M. Niven,	Joseph Banks.
17. Dayspring,	Manfred P. Welcher,	John Miller.
18. S. E. Center,	Henry R. White,	Sanford R. Knapp.
19. Throggs Neck,	James A. McWilliams,	James B. Carpenter.
20. Peekskill,	Talmon C. Perry,	Benjamin Weed.
21. Mt. Kisco,	Charles S. Lane,	R. Melville Keys.
22. South Salem,	Henry R. White,	Albert Chamberlain.

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	Churches.	*Ministers.*	*Elders.*
23.	Mt. Vernon 1st,	Arthur Requa,	Henry White.
24.	Rye,	William B. Waller,	George W. Abrams.
25.	Sing Sing,	John E. Bushnell,	Marvin R. Baxter.
26.	Darien,	David Laughlin,	Albert Scofield.
27.	Westminster,	Adrian V. S. Wallace,	John Irwin.
28.	Irvington,	John Reid,	Ralph E. Prime.
29.	New Rochelle 2d,	Harris Ely Adriance,	Orson W. Sloat.
30.	Hug. Mem'l,	Henry A. Davenport,	Albert Chamberlain.
31.	Pleasantville.		
32.	Bedford,	Robert P. Gibson,	George E. Reed.
33.	Pound Ridge,	Talmon C. Perry,	Ralph E. Prime.
34.	Gilead,	Charles E. Allison,	Frank L. Youngs.
35.	North Salem.		
36.	Hartford.		
37.	Patterson.		
38.	Thompsonville,	Homer S. Newcomb,	David I. Carson.

Rev. W. A. Chadwick of the New York Conference of the M. E. Church, and Rev. F. F. Blessing of the Presbytery of Albany, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

Adjourned to 8.30 A. M. to-morrow.

Closed with prayer and the benediction.

Wednesday, October 4, 1893.

The Presbytery met at 8.30 A. M., and spent the first hour in devotional exercises.

The roll was called and the following, not present yesterday, answered to their names:

Ministers.— Rollin A. Sawyer, John Reid, William B. Waller, James H. Hoyt, Charles E. Allison, Richard B. Mattice, Irving E. White, Manfred P. Welcher, John E. Bushnell, James A. McWilliams, John S. Penman, Francis E. Smith, Harris Ely Adriance.

Elders.— James B. Carpenter, C. Coles Dusenbury, Moses M. Hobby, William Smith, Warren S. Paddock, Marvin R. Baxter, Jacob R. Decatur, Edward P. Whittemore, Frank L. Youngs, John T. Terry, Benjamin J. Carpenter, George E. Reed, Orson W. Sloat.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

The committee to nominate delegates to the Synod (p. 333) asked that their report be deferred. The first order of the day was suspended and the request granted.

Rev. John S. Penman asked for the dissolution of the pastoral relation existing between him and the church of Irvington, N. Y. Fall Stated Meeting, October 4, 1893.

Elder John T. Terry, representing the church, stated their regretful acquiescence in the request. Elder William A. Burnham, as commissioner from the congregation, read the minutes of the meeting at which the resignation was accepted.

On motion, the request was granted, the dissolution to take effect immediately.

Rev. Harris Ely Adriance was appointed to preach next Sunday and declare the pulpit vacant.

The Committee on Freedmen presented a report, which was accepted, and is as follows:

The negroes in this country now number about 8,000,000 souls. These people have a claim on us that no other on the face of the earth can have; they are in our midst, and are here to stay. All good reasons for prosecuting with vigor the grand work of Home Missions only proves that the evangelization of the negro must not be neglected. Their desire to rise to a higher and better condition is pathetic. A million colored children who never saw the inside of a schoolhouse are growing up in moral and intellectual darkness. The Board needs this year (the Assembly says so) $250,000 to prosecute its work as it should be done.

The Committee on Foreign Missions presented a report, which was accepted, and is as follows:

For the first time in its history the Board of Foreign Missions has reported gifts for the year exceeding $1,000,000. In this advance the Presbytery of Westchester has borne an honorable part. According to the report of the Board, our gifts for the year ending April, 1892, were from the churches $5,132.42, from Sabbath-schools $740.80, from Women's Societies $2,820.90, a total of $8,694.12. For the year ending April, 1893, they are, from churches $5,939.15, an increase of $806.73; from Sabbath-schools $873.16, an increase of $132.36; from Women's Societies $2,902.93, an increase of $82.03. The total is $9,715.24, an increase of $1,022.12. Three of our churches contributed nothing; 23 of our churches have given more, 9 less. It is worthy of remark that 17 of our Sabbath-schools, including some of the largest, gave nothing to this work last year.

The General Assembly has recommended that $1,200,000 be raised this year for foreign missions, an average of about $1.40 a member; the proportion of our Presbytery is about $10,500.

Rev. Frank F. Blessing and Mr. Edmund C. Stout were heard in reference to a church enterprise at Scarborough, N. Y. A petition for the reception of this organization

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as a Presbyterian church was read. It was resolved that a committee be appointed with powers to go to Scarborough on or before October 13, and if the way be clear to organize a church; and that the name of such church, when organized, be entered on the roll of Presbytery.

Rev. Messrs. James A. McWilliams and Thornton M. Niven and Elder Sanford R. Knapp were appointed to nominate such committee.

On report of the committee (p. 342) the following nominations were made for delegates to Synod:

Ministers. — Henry A. Davenport, Thornton M. Niven, Francis E. Smith, J. Ritchie Smith, James A. McWilliams, Joseph D. Folsom, David Laughlin, Robert P. Gibson, Irving E. White, William N. Ritchie.

Elders. — Edward Wells, Ralph E. Prime, Orson W. Sloat, Sanford R. Knapp, William McKim, Thomas G. Ritch, David F. Hollister, John P. Truesdell, Edwin A. Slosson, Edwin A. Knapp.

The Committee on Education presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

The Board reported to the General Assembly in Washington that the year closed practically without debt. Yet this is hardly a matter of congratulation in view of the fact that it was accomplished by reducing the appropriation to those asking assistance from the Board; that is, in the absence of increased contributions from the churches, the Board was compelled to make both ends meet by levying an assessment upon those whom the Presbyteries had recommended as needing aid in order to complete their preparation for the ministry. In view, then, of this record of the past year, that it may not be repeated, and in view of the present financial condition of the country, that will tend to reduce contributions generally, we must certainly make every effort that our contributions to this Board may not be less, and if possible larger than before.

The great and vital work of the Board is supplying men for the ministry. There is room for more. The more than twelve hundred Presbyterian churches without pastors and the great work of missions in our own and foreign lands cry out for more faithful and devoted young men to hear the call of God to His service in the Gospel ministry. Your committee asks you whether we cannot give more attention to setting before the young men and boys of our churches the claims of the Lord upon them to preach the Gospel.

Messrs. Nathan F. Van Horson, now in the Senior Class of Princeton College, and Nicholas Schmeckenbecker, a senior in Hamilton College, have been receiving aid from the Board, and are hereby recommended for renewal.

Messrs. John O. Weston of the Westminster Church, and Thomas Travis of the Dayspring Church, of Yonkers, N. Y., were presented by the committee as desiring to be taken

under the care of the Presbytery as candidates for the ministry. After examination by the Moderator as to Christian experience and motives for entering the ministry, they were received and recommended to the Board of Education for aid. Fall Stated Meeting, October 4, 1893.

The hearing of reports of Committees on Sessional Records was made the third order for this afternoon.

The committee to nominate committee to organize church at Scarborough, N. Y., reported the following names: Rev. Messrs. Thornton M. Niven, William J. Cummings, and James A. McWilliams, and Elders Sanford R. Knapp and Stanton Cady.

Rev. William N. Richie was appointed to draft the narrative for the Spring Stated Meeting, and Rev. John T. Wills alternate.

The special committee appointed to consider the time for the opening session of the stated meetings of Presbytery (p. 340) presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Your committee recognize the inconvenience to many pastors and business men of a broken day, which becomes a necessity if the opening business session be held in the afternoon; and therefore recommend that the stated meetings of Presbytery open on Monday evening with a devotional service, including the sermon of the retiring Moderator, and that the first business session begin on Tuesday morning.

They also recommended that a special committee of two ministers and three elders be appointed to consider the possibility of reducing the amount of mere routine business done by the Presbytery or of facilitating it, who shall report at the January Intermediate Meeting.

Notice was given of a proposed amendment to Rule 1 of the Standing Rules, substituting Monday for Tuesday as the opening day of the stated meetings.

Recess was taken until 2 P. M.

Closed with prayer.

Wednesday, 2 P. M.

The Presbytery met after recess and was opened with prayer.

The first order of the afternoon, the election of delegates to Synod, was taken up.

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Rev. Messrs. Irving E. White and Robert P. Gibson requested that their names might be stricken from the list of candidates. Granted.

The following were appointed tellers:

Votes for Ministers. — Rev. Robert P. Gibson and Elder James B. Carpenter.

Votes for Elders. — Rev. Irving E. White and Elder George W. Abrams.

The Committee on Systematic Beneficence presented a report which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

A comparison of the receipts for the past two years shows the following facts:

The total receipts for all purposes were less by $5,355 for the year just closing than for the preceding year; this was caused by a decrease in the receipts for congregational purposes; so that the average amount contributed by our church members for all purposes has been $25 as against $27 the year before. It is, however, gratifying to note that the receipts for benevolent purposes are larger this year than last by the amount of $281; and that the number of churches contributing to all the Boards is larger this year than last, and, perhaps, larger than ever before.

Your committee make the following recommendations:

1. In view of the financial stringency throughout the land, our churches are exhorted to self-denying liberality that the work committed to the Boards of our church may not suffer.

2. We would emphasize the following recommendations of the last General Assembly:

(1) That our Sunday-schools and young people's societies be urged to contribute to the Boards of the church.

(2) That we highly commend all efforts to reduce giving to a Gospel science and to abolish the makeshifts of fairs, suppers, and similar secularizing expedients for filling the treasury of the Lord.

It was resolved that when Presbytery adjourn, it adjourn to meet at Patterson, N. Y., at such time as the session of the church there may indicate, to receive Rev. Oliver S. Dean and install him as pastor of that church.

The Committee on Publication and Sabbath-school work presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Your committee make the following recommendations:

1. That parents and Sabbath-school teachers be urged to encourage children and youth to memorize Bible passages and the Shorter Catechism.

2. That pastors and others bring to the attention of those who are training children in homes or in our schools the offer of the Board of Publication to present Oxford Bibles to all who commit to memory and recite the Shorter Catechism.

3. That information be given as far as possible to all within our bounds, whom it may concern, that the Board of Publication will present libraries to needy schools and to other organizations, which receive proper endorsement from the chairman of Presbytery's Committee on Publication and Sabbath-school work. Fall Stated Meeting, October 4, 1893.

4. That pastors and others be urged to secure a wide-spread circulation of the excellent bound volumes and other publications of the Board, especially volumes relating to missionary work, Presbyterian doctrines, church history, biography, and personal consecration. And as one method of accomplishing this we suggest the placing of the catalogues of the Board in the hands of those who would be apt to purchase the books and tracts.

5. That Sunday-school officers and teachers call the attention of their older scholars to the paper entitled "*Forward*," especially adapted to youth.

6. That Sabbath-schools in adjoining parishes be advised to organize district conventions, and that the annual convention of the Westchester County Sunday-school Teachers' Association be commended to the favorable attention of all our schools. The suggestions and the enthusiasm which attendants at the sessions of this convention receive contribute to the increased efficiency on part of officers and teachers and increased interest on the part of all. Some of the new features of the Sabbath-school work introduced at these conventions deserve the consideration of all Sabbath-school friends. One of these new features to which much thought has recently been devoted is the so-called Home Department.

The tellers presented their reports and the following were declared elected delegates to the Synod:

PRINCIPALS.

Ministers.	*Elders.*
Thornton M. Niven, (two years)	Edward Wells, (two years)
Henry A. Davenport, "	Ralph E. Prime, "
David Laughlin, "	William McKim, "

ALTERNATES.

J. Ritchie Smith,	Orson W. Sloat,
James A. McWilliams,	Edwin A. Knapp,
Francis E. Smith,	John P. Truesdell.

The committee to make arrangements for the installation of Rev. Adrian V. S. Wallace as pastor of the Thompsonville church (p. 340), presented a report which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Time — Tuesday, October 10, 7.30 P. M. To preside and propound the constitutional questions — the Moderator. Sermon — Rev. Henry A. Davenport; Rev. John H. Eastman, alternate. Charge to the pastor — Rev. Charles S. Lane; Rev. John E. Bushnell, alternate. Charge to the people — Rev. Alexander Miller; Rev. William J. Cumming, alternate.

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly presented a report which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

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1. That the overture on Judicial Commissions (Min. G. A., p. 42) be referred to the Committee on Judicial Business, with direction to report at the January Intermediate Meeting.

2. That the action of the General Assembly with respect to Young People's Societies (Min. G. A., p. 127) be referred to the Committee on Young People's Societies.

3 Attention is called to the constitutional rule on Local Evangelists (Min. G. A., p. 200).

4. Attention is called to the answer of the General Assembly to an overture from this Presbytery (Min. G. A., p. 114).

5. Attention is also called to the action of the General Assembly setting apart the third Sabbath of February, 1894, as a day for special offerings by the Sabbath-schools for the Home Board (Min. G. A., p. 67).

The Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Your committee report on the communication from the Board of Home Missions, which was referred to them:

1. That the recommendation of the church at Pleasantville to receive $200 has been granted in full.

2. That the recommendation of the Pound Ridge church to receive $200 has been granted in part, namely, $130.

The committee recommend that towards this deficiency the Presbytery direct the appropriation of $40 from the income of the Adams' Fund.

The Committee on Ministerial Relief presented a report recommending to the Board the same three persons as last year. Adopted.

The Committee on Examinations reported no candidates for examination. They also recommended that Elder Edward Wells be appointed to fill vacancy in the committee made by the removal of Rev. J. Hendrik de Vries.

At the request of the chairman, Rev. John H. Eastman, it was ordered that a new committee on Young People's Societies be appointed by the Moderator.

By invitation, Mr. W. P. Constable addressed the Presbytery on the Home Department work of the Sabbath-school.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

I. Young People's Societies

Ministers. — Arthur Requa, Charles S. Lane, and Harris Ely Adriance.

Elders. — George W. Banks and R. Melville Keys.

II. To Systemize the Work of Presbytery (p. 345).

Ministers. — William J. Cumming and John H. Eastman.
Elders. — Sanford R. Knapp, Ralph E. Prime, and Henry White.

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The election of commissioners to the General Assembly and delegates to the Synod was referred to the committee to systematize the work of Presbytery.

The sessional records of the following churches were approved without exception:

Yorktown, White Plains, New Rochelle 2d, Sing Sing, Gilead, Throggs Neck, Rye, Thompsonville, Greenburgh, Mt. Kisco, Mt. Vernon, Dayspring, Stamford 1st, South Salem, Darien, Port Chester, Katonah, Westminster, Mahopac Falls, Peekskill 1st, Bridgeport, Peekskill 2d, Irvington, South East Center, Huguenot Memorial, Pound Ridge.

Those of the following churches were approved with exceptions:

Greenwich 1st, Yonkers 1st, Bedford.

The Committee on Temperance presented a verbal report, which was accepted.

Rev. Henry A. Davenport was appointed chairman of the Committee on Presbyterial Visitation in place of Rev. W. Hart Dexter, resigned, and Rev. George R. Cutting was added to the committee.

An invitation from the White Plains Church for the Spring Stated Meeting was accepted.

The Sessions whose records were not presented at this meeting were directed to present them at the Intermediate Meeting.

Moderators of Sessions of vacant churches were appointed as follows:

Rev. Robert P. Gibson, North Salem.
Rev. Lewis H. Reid, Hartford.
Rev. John H. Eastman, Patterson.
Rev. Adrian V. S. Wallace, Thompsonville.
Rev. William N. Richie, Port Chester.
Rev. Richard B. Mattice, Throggs Neck.
Rev. Thornton M. Niven, Irvington.
Rev. Joseph F. Folsom, South Salem.

These churches were granted leave to supply their pulpits until the Spring Stated Meeting of Presbytery.

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It was resolved that the temperance question have two hours for consideration at the Spring Stated Meeting.

The Committee on Young People's Societies reported that a meeting would be held at the Westminster Church, Yonkers, N. Y., November 21st, afternoon and evening, and extended an invitation to the young people's societies to send delegates.

The Committee on Presbyterial Visitation announced that Tuesday, November 14th, would be observed as a Day of Prayer, and that a meeting would be held at the Greenburgh Church, Dobbs Ferry, N. Y.

The committee to organize a church at Scarborough, N. Y. (p. 345), were given power to appoint a Moderator of the session, and to give the church leave to supply its pulpit until the next Stated Meeting of Presbytery, should an organization be effected.

It was ordered that the church should be enrolled by the Stated Clerk, when organized.

The Committee on Leave of Absence presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Your committee have granted leave of absence to the following:

Ministers.— Christopher R. Brown, John S. Penman, Homer S. Newcomb, Manfred P. Welcher, William N. Richie, Robert R. White, Irving E. White, William B. Waller, Adrian V. S. Wallace, Thornton M. Niven, John H. Trussell, Joseph F. Folsom, John Reid, John E. Bushnell, Henry R. White, Francis E. Smith, George R. Cutting, James A. McWilliams, Henry A. Davenport.

Elders.— David I. Carson, John T. Terry, John Miller, Edwin A. Knapp, Moses M. Hobby, John F. Bouton, Henry White, Jacob R. Decatur, Orson W. Sloat, James Morrison, James B. Carpenter, Ralph E. Prime, Edward P. Whittemore, Edwin A. Slosson, William McKim, R. Melville Keys, John Irwin, George E. Reed, Frank L. Youngs.

A resolution of thanks to the officers and members of the church and congregation for their hospitable entertainment, was adopted.

Recess was taken until 7.30 P. M.

Closed with prayer.

Wednesday, 7.30 P. M.

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The Presbytery reassembled.

After devotional exercises, addresses were delivered by Rev. Messrs. George R. Cutting and Charles E. Allison.

The roll was called and the following were found to have withdrawn without leave:

Ministers.—William Life, Robert P. Gibson, James H. Hoyt, Richard B. Mattice, William Watts Davidson, Harris Ely Adriance.
Elders.—George W. Abrams, William Smith, Warren S. Paddock, Marvin R. Baxter, Benjamin J. Carpenter, Albert Williamson.

The minutes of to-day's sessions were read and approved.

The Presbytery then adjourned to meet at Patterson, N. Y., at a time to be fixed by the session of the church of that place.

Closed with singing, prayer, and the benediction.

W. J. CUMMING,
Stated Clerk.

J. H. EASTMAN,
Permanent Clerk.

OFFICERS OF THE PRESBYTERY.

Moderator — Rev. Alexander Miller, Mahopac Falls, N. Y. *Stated Clerk and Treasurer* — Rev. William J. Cumming, Yorktown, N. Y. *Permanent Clerk* — Rev. John H. Eastman, Katonah, N. Y. *Temporary Clerk* — Rev. Joseph F. Folsom, Pound Ridge, N. Y.

TRUSTEES.

Ministers — Rollin A. Sawyer, Richard P. H. Vail, Thornton M. Niven, John E. Bushnell.

Elders — Edward Wells (*Clerk, Peekskill, N. Y.*), Uriah Hill, William H. Parsons, Thomas G. Ritch (*Treasurer, Stamford, Conn.*), Benjamin Weed.

YONKERS, N. Y., January 16, 1894. Intermediate Meeting, January 16, 1894.

The Presbytery of Westchester met, pursuant to appointment, in the Westminster Presbyterian Church, Yonkers, N. Y., Tuesday, January 16, 1894, at 10.30 A.M., the Moderator, Rev. Alexander Miller, in the chair, and was constituted with prayer.

In the absence of Rev. Joseph F. Folsom, Elder Sanford R. Knapp was chosen temporary clerk.

The roll was called and the following found to be present:

Ministers.	*Churches.*	*Elders.*
Anthony R. Macoubrey,	White Plains,	Elijah C. Sniffin.
Thornton M. Niven,	Greenburgh,	Joseph Conklin.
John T. Wills,	Greenwich 1st.	
Alexander Miller,	Mahopac Falls.	
John Reid,	Yonkers 1st,	Ralph E. Prime.
	Bridgeport 1st,	Malcolm T. Kerr.
John H. Eastman,	Katonah.	
William N. Richie,	Port Chester.	
J. Ritchie Smith,	Peekskill 1st,	Sanford R. Knapp.
Charles E. Allison,	Dayspring,	William Smith.
John H. Trussell,	S. E. Centre.	
Irving E. White,	Peekskill 2d.	
Manfred P. Welcher.		
	Mt. Vernon 1st,	John Irwin.
John E. Bushnell,	Rye,	Edward P. Whittemore.
James A. McWilliams,	Sing Sing.	
Arthur Requa,	Darien.	
George R. Cutting,	Westminster,	Alexander O. Kirkwood.
	Bedford,	John G. Clark.
Joseph F. Folsom,	Pound Ridge.	
	Gilead,	William H. Foster.
	Hartford,	Alexander Watson.
	Patterson,	Orson W. Sloat.
	South Salem,	John Bouton.
	Irvington,	William A. Burnham.
	17	15

Total present,..... 32

Ministers absent.— Elias S. Schenck, Chauncey D. Rice, Addison K. Strong, Charles E. Lindsley, Wilson Phraner, David Murdoch, Lewis H. Reid, Thomas J. Evans, William Life, Talmon C. Perry, Andrew B. Morse, Rollin A. Sawyer, Edward B. Allen, Frederick A. M. Brown, David A. Holbrook, Henry M. Baird, Homer S. Newcomb, Theodore S. Pond, Christopher R. Brown, Richard P. H. Vail, Robert P. Gibson, Marcellus Bowen, Henry A. Davenport, William B. Waller, R. Randall Hoes, Charles E. Upson, James H. Hoyt, William J. Cumming, William K. Eddy, Richard B. Mattice, David Laughlin, Charles S. Lane, Adrian V. S. Wallace, W. Hart Dexter, Edwin Knox Mitchell, John S. Penman, William Watts Davidson, Francis E.

Smith, Harris Ely Adriance, Henry R. White, Robert R. White, Bruce Wallace Cronmiller, William G. Jenkins.—43.

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Churches not represented.— Hastings 1st, South East, New Haven 1st, Greenwich 1st, Mahopac Falls, Stamford 1st, Croton Falls, New Rochelle, Katonah, Port Chester, Yorktown, S. E. Centre, Throggs Neck, Peekskill 2d, Mt. Kisco, Thompsonville, Sing Sing, Darien, New Rochelle 2d, Huguenot Memorial, Pleasantville, Pound Ridge, North Salem, Scarborough.—24.

Excused for absence. — Lewis H. Reid, Addison K. Strong, Edwin Knox Mitchell, Andrew B. Morse, Rollin A. Sawyer, Adrian V. S. Wallace, Henry A. Davenport, Charles S. Lane, Bruce Wallace Cronmiller, William J. Cumming, Theodore S. Pond, Marcellus Bowen, William K. Eddy.

Rev. John A. Ingham was received from the Classis of New York, and it was ordered that his name be enrolled.

The call of the Irvington Church for the pastoral services of Mr. Ingham was read and the commissioners of the church heard. The call was found in order, placed in his hands, and by him accepted.

Rev. Messrs. Thornton M. Niven and John A. Ingham and Elder William A. Burnham were appointed a committee to make arrangements for the installation, and directed to report at the Spring Stated Meeting.

The Committee of Arrangements made a report cordially welcoming the Presbytery.

The Permanent Clerk, Rev. John H. Eastman, stated that the absence of the Stated Clerk was owing to the death of his father. It was ordered that a letter of sympathy should be sent to the Stated Clerk.

Rev. Edwin Knox Mitchell was dismissed, at his own request, to the Central Congregational Association of Hartford, Conn.

The death of Alexander Curry, an elder of the Hartford Church, on November 27, 1893, was announced. Elder Alexander Watson was appointed a committee to prepare a minute for the necrology.

The Treasurer's report was read, and referred for audit to Elders Ralph E. Prime and John Irwin. It is as follows :

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING OCT. 1, 1893.

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Receipts.

Cash on hand Oct. 1, 1892,		$175.57
Assessments, 1892,	$27.83	
Assessments, 1893,	829.24	856.62
Total,		$1,032.19

Disbursements.

Salary—Stated Clerk,		$100.00
Expense—Postage and Stationery,	$20.75	
Revision Reports,	1.25	
Blanks,	1.32	
Traveling Expenses of Stated Clerk,	4.50	27.82
Printing Minutes,	$95.45	
Notices,	6.50	
Circulars,	3.25	105.20
Apportionments, General Assembly,		498.40
Delegates to Synod, Expenses of,		39.66
Total,		$771.08
Cash in Westchester Co. Nat. Bank,		$261.11
Unpaid Assessments,		36.29
Total,		$297.40

The Committee on Presbyterial Visitation presented a report, which was accepted and is as follows:

The Presbytery's annual prayer-day was kept Nov. 14, 1893. The Greenburgh Church graciously cared for us. The gathering was large and numerous messages were read from non-attendants. Rev. O. S. Dean delivered a stimulating sermon in the morning; the day's devotions closed in the afternoon about the communion table.

The printed plan of Presbyterial Visitation was sent out during November to all the churches within our bounds. Six visits are now arranged, and several churches have written regarding the matter.

This work of visitation is a golden bond of union amongst our numerous and scattered churches; it has in it the possibilities of great spiritual invigoration; it is prosecuted by authority of Presbytery. Its calls for participation, therefore, come to the brethren with a constraint which is not to be suitably answered by considerations of merely personal or local convenience.

The committee to install Rev. Adrian V. S. Wallace at Thompsonville (p. 347) reported the discharge of the duty in accordance with the directions of Presbytery. The report was accepted.

The committee appointed to organize a church at Scar-

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borough, N. Y. (p. 345), presented a report, which was accepted and is as follows:

According to the appointment of Presbytery the committee, to whom was assigned the duty of organizing a church at Scarborough, met on Friday, Oct. 13, 1893, and performed that duty. One ruling elder and one deacon were ordained. Rev. James A. McWilliams was appointed moderator of the session.

Of the committee there were present Rev. Messrs. Thornton M. Niven and James A. McWilliams, and Elders Sanford R. Knapp and Stanton Cady. The Stated Clerk was not able to be present. Rev. Rollin A. Sawyer, being present, took part in the exercises.

The sessional records of the Hartford and Patterson Churches were presented for examination.

The following committees were appointed:

SESSIONAL RECORDS.

	Churches.	*Ministers.*	*Elders.*
1.	Hartford,	Charles E. Allison,	Edward P. Whittemore.
2.	Patterson,	John H. Trussell,	Joseph Conklin.

The committee to systematize the work of Presbytery (p. 349) presented a report, which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows:

Your committee, appointed at the Fall Stated Meeting of Presbytery to suggest some way of expediting the business of Presbytery, would report the following suggestions:

1. That the calling for excuses of absentees be dispensed with, and that, instead, all the ministers and elder-delegates to Presbytery who may find it impossible to attend any of the stated meetings, shall send either to the Stated Clerk of Presbytery or to the pastor of the church where the Presbytery may meet, a written excuse stating that fact; and all such excuses shall be reported by the Stated Clerk to the meeting at one time.

2. And at each stated meeting a committee be appointed to consist of three ministers and three elders, whose duty it shall be to examine the records of sessions and report thereon; that such committee report as exceptions to be written in the book only such matters as pertain to the polity of the church and such omissions in the records as may make them imperfect; that the first half of such sessional records, alphabetically arranged, be presented at the Fall Stated Meeting and the other half at the Spring Stated Meeting.

3. That in the election of delegates to Synod at least double the number required and to which Presbytery may be entitled be nominated, and if Presbytery after the election see fit so to order the required number of ministers and elders having the highest number of votes be elected such delegates, and those having the next highest be the alternates.

4. That the Stated Clerk in his printed notice of the Spring and Fall Stated Meetings shall urge attendance on part of ministers and elders from the opening of Presbytery to its close, and request that, if unable to attend, notice of such non-attendance be sent; that he shall

state which sessional records are to be examined, and that reports of committees should be ready to be presented Tuesday morning.

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The Committee on Judicial Business, to which was referred the overtures of the General Assembly on Judicial Commissions (p. 348), presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Your committee recommend that overtures 1 and 2 on Judicial Commissions (Min. G. A., p. 42) be answered in the affirmative.

The sessional records of the Patterson Church were referred to the session of that church for the approval of the minutes.

Moderators of sessions of vacant churches were appointed as follows:

Rev. Homer S. Newcomb, Patterson.
Rev. John A. Ingham, Irvington.

The committee on Young People's Societies presented a report, which was accepted, and is as follows:

On Nov. 21, 1893, there was held in the Westminster Church, Yonkers, N. Y., a conference of the Young People's Societies of this Presbytery. An excellent programme was prepared by a committee of the Young People's Association of the church and the pastor. At the afternoon session Elder Francis W. Marsh of Bridgeport, Conn., presided, and the speakers were Rev. Messrs. John Reid, Harris Ely Adriance, Charles E. Allison, Irving E. White, John H. Eastman, and Rev. Thornton B. Penfield of the Board of Home Missions. The presiding officer at the evening session was Rev. Alexander Miller, Moderator of Presbytery, and the speakers Rev. Charles S. Lane and Mr. Robert E. Speer of the Board of Foreign Missions.

The addresses were exceedingly helpful and stimulating, and though the attendance was good at both sessions, one could not help wishing that a still larger number had been present. It is certainly highly gratifying that so many of the churches from Presbytery were represented by delegates. Bedford, Bridgeport, Darien, Greenburgh, Huguenot Memorial, Irvington, Katonah, Mahopac Falls, Mt. Kisco, Mt. Vernon, New Haven, Patterson, Peekskill 1st, Peekskill 2d, Rye, Scarborough, S. E. Centre, South Salem, Stamford, Yonkers 1st, Dayspring, and Westminster were all represented — twenty-two in all — leaving seventeen unrepresented. Of these the Young People's Association of the Hartford Church sent a telegram of greeting. Of the churches outside of Yonkers, that of Scarborough sent the largest delegation, twelve in number.

On motion, it was ordered that a recess be taken at 12.30 P.M.

The following delegates to Synod reported attendance on its sessions: Rev. Messrs. Thornton M. Niven, John H.

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Trussell, Arthur Requa, George R. Cutting, and Charles S. Lane, and Elders William H. Foster and Ralph E. Prime.

The Committee on Aid for Colleges presented a report, which was accepted, and is as follows:

We are happy to be able to report that twenty-seven of the churches of this Presbytery have contributed to this Board during the past year $849, being a gain over the previous year of $173.

Your committee would call attention to the fact that there are eleven churches in this Presbytery that did not contribute anything to this Board during the last year, hoping that during the present year this Board will be remembered with a contribution from all our churches.

The Moderator of the Presbytery was instructed to express to Rev. J. Aspinwall Hodge the interest of Presbytery in his work at the Lincoln University at his inauguration as professor on Tuesday next.

Robert O. Kirkwood requested to be taken under the care of the Presbytery as a candidate for the ministry. After examination on his religious experience and views in seeking the ministry his request was granted, and he was recommended to the Board of Education for aid.

The sessional records of the Hartford Church were approved as far as approved by the session.

A recess was then taken until 2 P.M.

Closed with prayer.

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2 P.M.

Presbytery reassembled and was opened with prayer.

The committee to whom had been referred the Treasurer's report and accounts for audit (p. 355), reported that they had found them correct, and recommended their approval as far as balanced.

The Committee on Education presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Your committee have received a communication from the Board of Education declining the applications of John O. Weston and Thomas Travis, recommended by this Presbytery, on the ground that the condition of the treasury will not permit the extending of aid to academic students. Your committee recommend the adoption of the following:

That the Presbytery of Westchester urge upon the Board of Education the necessity of encouraging academic students under the care of Presbytery by extending some financial aid to such students in accordance with the suggestion of the General Assembly of 1893. Intermediate Meeting, January 16, 1894.

It was ordered that when Presbytery adjourn, it adjourn to meet at Patterson, N. Y., at such time as the session of the church there may indicate (p. 346).

A committee consisting of Rev. Messrs. John E. Bushnell and John T. Wills and Elders Ralph E. Prime and Sanford R. Knapp were appointed to ascertain why Rev. William N. Richie has not been installed pastor of the church at Port Chester, N. Y.

It was resolved, that the thanks of the Presbytery be and hereby is extended to the Westminster Church, officers, and ladies for their kind hospitality.

The Presbytery then adjourned to meet at Patterson, N. Y., at a time to be fixed by the session of the church of that place.

Closed with prayer.

W. J. CUMMING,
Stated Clerk.

J. H. EASTMAN,
Permanent Clerk.

NEW YORK CITY, April 2, 1894. Special Meeting, April 2, 1894.

The Presbytery of Westchester met in the Presbyterian Mission House, 53 Fifth Avenue, New York city, Monday, April 2, 1894, at 10.30 A. M., pursuant to the following call:

At the request of two ministers and two elders representing different churches, and in accordance with the requirements of Chapter X, Section 10 of the Form of Government, I hereby call a special meeting of the Presbytery of Westchester, to be held at No. 53 Fifth Avenue, New York, on Monday, April 2, at 10.30 A. M., to take action upon the following matters:

I. Upon the request of Rev. John E. Bushnell for the dissolution of his pastoral relation to the church at Rye, and, if granted, his dismission to the Presbytery of New York, and any other arrangements necessarily connected therewith.

II. Upon the request of Licentiate Richard H. Hughes for dismission to the Presbytery of Utica.

Mahopac Falls, March 21, 1894.

ALEXANDER MILLER,
Moderator.

The Moderator, Rev. Alexander Miller, presided, and Presbytery was opened with prayer.

The roll was called and the following found to be present:

Ministers.	*Churches.*	*Elders.*
Elias S. Schenck,		
Charles E. Lindsley,		
Thornton M. Niven,	Greenburgh.	
Frederick A. M. Brown,	New Haven 1st.	
John T. Wills,	Greenwich 1st.	
Alexander Miller,	Mahopac Falls.	
William B. Waller,	New Rochelle.	
William J. Cumming,	Yorktown.	Henry White.
Richard B. Mattice,	Throggs Neck.	
Charles S. Lane,	Mt. Vernon 1st.	
John E. Bushnell,	Rye,	Edward P. Whittemore.
George R. Cutting,	Westminster,	John H. Brown.
Francis E. Smith,	New Rochelle 2d.	
Harris Ely Adriance,	Hug. Mem'l.	
Robert R. White,	Bedford.	
	15	3
Total present,.....		18

Corresponding Member. — Rev. Frank F. Blessing of the Presbytery of Albany.

The first item of business was then taken up.

Rev. John E. Bushnell presented a request for the dis-

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solution of the pastoral relation existing between him and the Rye Church, and for dismission to the Presbytery of New York, giving the reasons therefor.

The minutes of the congregational meeting of the Rye Church, regretfully concurring in the request, were read.

The commissioners, Messrs. Henry Parsons and William Matthews, were heard.

On motion the pastoral relation was dissolved, the dissolution to take effect immediately.

Mr. Bushnell was, on motion, dismissed to the Presbytery of New York.

Rev. John H. Eastman was appointed to preach at Rye on April 8, if convenient for him, and declare the pulpit vacant.

Rev. William Life was appointed Moderator of the Session, and the Session were granted leave to fill the pulpit until the next Stated Meeting of Presbytery.

Rev. Frank F. Blessing, of the Presbytery of Albany, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The second item of business was taken up, and, on motion, Licentiate Richard H. Hughes was dismissed to the Presbytery of Utica.

The minutes were then read and approved.

Presbytery of Westchester then adjourned to meet at White Plains, N. Y., Tuesday, April 17, 1894.

Closed with prayer and the benediction.

W. J. CUMMING,
Stated Clerk.

J. H. EASTMAN,
Permanent Clerk.

White Plains, N. Y., April 17, 1894.

Spring Stated Meeting, April 17, 1894.

The Presbytery of Westchester met, pursuant to appointment, in the Presbyterian Church, White Plains, N. Y., Tuesday, April 17, 1894, at 3.30 P.M., and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator, Rev. Alexander Miller.

The roll was called and the following found to be present:

Ministers.	*Churches.*	*Elders.*
Elias S. Schenck (2).		
Wilson Phraner.		
Talmon C. Perry.		
Anthony R. Macoubrey,	White Plains,	Monmouth G. Hart.
Edward B. Allen (2),	South East,	Walter C. Johnson (2).
Thornton M. Niven,	Greenburgh,	Robert L. Wilde (2).
Frederick A. M. Brown (2),	New Haven 1st,	Charles E. Corwin (2).
Oliver S. Dean (2),	Patterson,	James C. Gerow (2).
John T. Wills,	Greenwich 1st,	Edwin A. Knapp (2).
Homer S. Newcomb.		
Alexander Miller,	Mahopac Falls,	Irving Wright.
	Stamford 1st,	Thomas G. Ritch.
Robert P. Gibson,	Croton Falls,	Albert Chamberlain.
John Reid (2),	Yonkers 1st,	Ralph E. Prime.
Henry A. Davenport,	Bridgeport 1st,	Frank W. Marsh.
William B. Waller,	New Rochelle.	
John H. Eastman,	Katonah,	Joseph Barrett (2).
William N. Richie,	Portchester,	John Miller, Jr. (2).
J. Ritchie Smith,	Peekskill 1st,	Sanford R. Knapp.
James H. Hoyt (2).		
Charles E. Allison (2),	Dayspring,	Thomas F. Hope (2).
John H. Trussell,	S. E. Centre,	Warren S. Paddock (2).
Richard B. Mattice (2),	Throggs Neck,	Marvin R. Baxter.
Irving E. White,	Peekskill 2d.	
David Laughlin,	Mt. Kisco,	Ebenezer G. Platt.
Manfred P. Welcher.		
Charles S. Lane (2),	Mt. Vernon 1st,	William McD. Halsey.
Adrian V. S. Wallace (2),	Thompsonville,	James Morrison.
	Sing Sing,	Stanton Cady (2).
Arthur Requa,	Darien,	Benjamin Weed.
George R. Cutting,	Westminster,	William L. Odell.
Francis E. Smith,	New Rochelle 2d,	Charles E. Harvey.
Harris Ely Adriance (2),	Hug. Mem'l,	Nathan Johnson.
Henry R. White (2),	Pleasantville,	David Nelson (2).
Robert R White,	Bedford,	John G. Clark.
Joseph F. Folsom,	Pound Ridge,	Albert Scofield.
John A. Ingham,	Irvington,	William A. Burnham (2).
Frank F. Blessing,	Scarborough,	Francis A. See.
	Gilead,	William H. Foster (2).
	South Salem,	Thomas Gilbert.
	Hartford,	John Johnston.
	Rye,	Henry Parsons.
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Total present,... 70

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Ministers absent. — Chauncey D. Rice, Addison K. Strong, Charles E. Lindsley, David Murdoch, Lewis H. Reid, Thomas J. Evans, William Life, Andrew B. Morse, Rollin A. Sawyer, David A. Holbrook, Henry M. Baird, Theodore S. Pond, Christopher R. Brown, Richard P. H. Vail, Marcellus Bowen, R. Randall Hoes, Charles E. Upson, William J. Cumming, William K. Eddy, James A. McWilliams, William Hart Dexter, John S. Penman, William Watts Davidson, Bruce Wallace Cronmiller, William G. Jenkins. — 25.

Churches not represented. — New Rochelle, Yorkstown, Peekskill 2d North Salem, Hastings 1st. — 5.

Excused for absence. — Elias S. Schenck (1), Charles E. Lindsley, David Murdoch, Lewis H. Reid, Thomas J. Evans, Theodore S. Pond, Richard P. H. Vail, Marcellus Bowen, Charles E. Upson, William J. Cumming, William K. Eddy, James A. McWilliams, W. Hart Dexter, Adrian V. S. Wallace (1), William G. Jenkins, Andrew B. Morse, William Watts Davidson, Christopher R. Brown.

Corresponding members. — Rev. F. A. Wales of Fairfield County East Consociation, Rev. W. W. Breckenridge of New Haven Central Association, and Rev. George W. F. Birch of the Presbytery of New York.

Elder Ralph E. Prime was elected Moderator, and Rev. Joseph F. Folsom, and Elder Sanford R. Knapp, Temporary Clerks.

The minutes of the January Intermediate Meeting were read and approved.

The Committee of Arrangements presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Tuesday. — 5.30 P.M., recess; 7.45 P.M., Sermon by the retiring Moderator, Rev. Alexander Miller.

Wednesday. — 9–10 A.M., Devotional service led by Rev. John T. Wills. 10 A.M.–12.30 P.M. and 2–5.30 P.M., Business sessions. 7.45 P.M., Address by Rev. James A. Worden, Secretary of Sabbath-school Work.

Rev. Frank F. Blessing was received from the Presbytery of Albany, and it was ordered that his name be enrolled.

Rev. Addison K. Strong was, at his own request, dismissed to the Presbytery of Syracuse.

A communication from the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Hudson in regard to a "Supply and Service" overture to the General Assembly was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

To the same committee was referred a communication from Rev. W. H. Hubbard, Chairman of the Committee

of the Synod of New York on Missionary Literature, and a communication from Rev. L. Merrill Miller, Chairman of the Synod's Committee on Synodical Aid. Spring Stated Meeting, April 17, 1894.

A communication from Thomas G. Ritch with reference to a legacy of $5,000 from the estate of the late Alexander Milne of Stamford, Conn., was read (p. 285). On motion it was ordered that the legacy be paid to the Trustees of Presbytery with power to invest.

The deaths of Ruling Elders Seth H. Mead of Peekskill 1st, Daniel D. Smith of North Salem, Joseph K. Johnson of Huguenot Memorial, and John H. Badeau of Mahopac Falls, were announced, and Rev. Messrs. J. Ritchie Smith, Robert P. Gibson, Harris Ely Adriance, and Alexander Miller were appointed to prepare appropriate minutes upon them for the Necrology.

The assessments of the Hastings 1st and Scarborough Churches were fixed at $5 each for the present year.

The narrative of the state of religion was presented, and it was accepted, adopted, and it was ordered that an abstract be prepared with added statistics to be entered on the minutes and sent to the General Assembly. The narrative is as follows:

I. Encouragements.

1. The women of the church, falling into ranks and lifting up the drooping banner, reminds us of the days of Deborah, when she and Barak defeated Sisera in the valley of Kishon. The women's work seems to be gaining ground, and God's smile seems to be resting on their labors. Every woman should be enlisted in the glorious work. It was the women of Carthage who gave their hair for bow-strings and their jewelry for arrow-heads while Rome was thundering at her gates. The powers of darkness are now thundering at the gates of our beloved city of Zion. It is in heathen countries that stones are being lifted for the temple by cords made of women's hair and many gray strands are to be seen in those cords. Let us emphasize this great feature of our work. How do we know but she has been called to the kingdom for such an hour as this.

2. Attendance on public worship seems to be encouraging notwithstanding the depressing times, Sunday newspapers, Sabbath desecration, growing worldliness, and drunkenness.

3. The Sabbath-school also seems to be in a healthy condition. As this is the nursery of the church, how important to have the youth of the land early moulded in the image of Christ! How much easier to win them young! The all-important matter is to see that they graduate from the Sunday-school, not into the world, but into the church.

II. Discouragements.

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The discontinuing of the instruction in the Shorter Catechism, which has proved such a blessing to so many in the past and has been such a pillar in our church. The church that has the greatest amount of children that carry off prizes for committing the Catechism, other things being equal, will turn out the most stalwart men.

III. Our Literature.

Our literature is not used as much as we would like. If the publications of our own church are not as good as those of other churches, they should be made so. We should have our children kept in close touch with our church as possible, with a brotherly feeling for other sheep which are not of this fold.

IV. Benevolence.

The general financial depression accounts very largely for smaller contributions from benevolent work. At any rate the reports are not as encouraging as we would like. "Try me herewith, saith the Lord, and bring the tithes into the storehouse and see if I will not pour you out a blessing till there shall be room to receive no more." The sacrifice must be laid on the altar before the fire will descend and lick up the offering. We must give till we feel it before we may expect the blessing. Many are now doing nobly, but we are convinced that while there is much systematic and liberal giving, much more might be done in that direction by the church as a whole.

V. Accessions.

Ten have stated the number of additions. Are we to infer that they are few? Many have said no special manifestation of religious awakening. There are encouraging exceptions to this general remark. But most of these signs are awakenings within the church along the lines of increased activity. From one church comes the report that a series of meetings held has resulted in three hundred persons expressing a desire to lead a new life, and forty-eight confessing Christ. Would that the three hundred had come out on the Lord's side. Would that all the brethren could have such a report! We have no doubt but that this rich blessing was by the presence and power of the Holy Ghost in answer to the prayers of pastor and session and devout men and women. We must have more faith, more prayer, more sweet expectancy, more thanksgiving to God for blessings already bestowed. The best way to secure greater blessings is to thank God for what we have already received. O brethren! we believe one reason we are not more richly blessed is that we are too easily satisfied. God heard the prayer of John Knox when he was ready to die, if his prayer was not answered. If this Presbytery would enter into a covenant with God and each other here and now, that we would go home to our people and each pastor would organize his church into a praying band, and that three times a day until this time next year united prayers would go up for a blessing on the pastors and the churches of this Presbytery and expecting the blessing, it will surely come in God's own way and time, which is always the best.

The Committee on the Minutes of Synod presented a report, which was accepted, and is as follows:

Your committee would call attention to the following recommendations adopted by Synod:

1. Synodical Aid, 2, 3, 6, p. 18.
2. Education, 1, 2, p. 25
3. Missionary Congress, 4, p. 29.
4. Sabbath Observance, 1, p. 38.
5. Foreign Missions, 1, p. 41.
6. Answer to Overture from this Presbytery, 1, p. 42.
7. Ministerial Relief, p. 45.
8. "The Christian Steward," p. 51.

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The committee appointed to ascertain why the Rev. William N. Richie had not been installed at Port Chester (p. 359) presented a report which was accepted, adopted, and the committee was discharged. The report is as follows:

Your committee would report that after holding several sessions in New York, it was decided to go to Port Chester. A conference was held there with Rev. Mr. Richie, elders, trustees, and other representatives of the congregation. The matters of misunderstanding between the church and the pastor-elect, Mr. Richie, as to salary and other finances of the church, were amicably adjusted in such a way that all parties expressed themselves fully satisfied, and Mr. Richie was to give up the parsonage on April 1, and decline the call of the church.

The call from the Port Chester Church for the pastoral services of Rev. William N. Richie was then taken from the table, and was declined by him.

In accordance with Rule 34 the following ministers, not pastors, made report either verbally or by letter of their work during the past year: Elias S. Schenck, Charles E. Lindsley, Wilson Phraner, Addison K. Strong, David Murdoch, Lewis H. Reid, Thomas J. Evans, Talmon C. Perry, William N. Richie, Homer S. Newcomb, James H. Hoyt, Richard B. Mattice, Manfred P. Welcher, and Frank F. Blessing.

It was ordered that it be entered upon the minutes that no adjourned meeting was held at Patterson (p. 359), because no time was fixed by the Session of the church.

Moderators of Sessions of vacant churches were appointed as follows:

Rev. Robert P. Gibson, North Salem.
Rev. Richard B. Mattice, Throggs Neck.
Rev. John T. Wills, Port Chester.
Rev. Lewis H. Reid, Hartford.

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Rev. Oliver S. Dean, Patterson.
Rev. Joseph F. Folsom, South Salem.
Rev. John A. Ingham, Irvington.
Rev. Frank F. Blessing, Scarborough.
Rev. John Reid, Hastings 1st.
Rev. William Life, Rye.

The Sessions of these churches were authorized to supply the pulpits until the next Stated Meeting of Presbytery.

A minute on the death of Ruling Elder Alexander Curry (p. 359) was presented, accepted, and it was ordered that it should be entered in the Necrology.

The committee to arrange for the installation of Rev. John A. Ingham as pastor of the Irvington Church (p. 354), presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Time. — Wednesday, May 23, 1894, evening: To preside and propound the constitutional questions — the Moderator. Sermon — Rev. Edward B. Coe of the Collegiate Reformed Church, New York city, to be invited. Charge to the Pastor — Rev. John S. Penman. Charge to the people — Rev. Washington Choate of the American Home Missionary Society, to be invited.

The committee was continued with power to fill vacancies.

The discussion on Temperance (p. 350) was made the third order of the afternoon session of Wednesday.

The Moderator announced the following committees:

I. BILLS AND OVERTURES.

Ministers. — Alexander Miller, George R. Cutting, William B. Waller.
Elders. — William McD. Halsey, Albert Chamberlain.

II. JUDICIAL BUSINESS.

Ministers. — Thornton M. Niven, Francis E. Smith, Robert R. White.
Elders. — Henry Parsons, Thomas Gilbert.

III. LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

Minister. — Joseph F. Folsom.
Elder. — Sanford R. Knapp.

Recess was then taken until 7.45 P.M.

Closed with prayer.

TUESDAY, 7.45 P.M.

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Presbytery reassembled.

After devotional services a sermon was preached by the retiring Moderator, Rev. Alexander Miller, from the text, Psalm 72:17 — "His name shall endure for ever; his name shall be continued as long as the sun; and men shall be blessed in him; all nations shall call him blessed."

Adjourned until 9 A.M. to-morrow.

Closed with prayer.

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The Presbytery met at 9 A.M., and spent the first hour in devotional exercises led by Rev. John T. Wills.

The roll was called, and the following not present yesterday answered to their names:

Ministers. — Elias S. Schenck, Edward B. Allen, Frederick A. M. Brown, John Reid, James H. Hoyt, Charles E. Allison, Richard B. Mattice, Charles S. Lane, Adrian V. S. Wallace, Harris Ely Adriance, Henry R. White.

Elders. — Walter C. Johnson, Robert L. Wilde, Charles E. Corwin, Edwin A. Knapp, Joseph Barrett, John Miller, Jr., Thomas F. Hope, Warren S. Paddock, Stanton Cady, David Nelson, William A. Burnham, William H. Foster, James C. Gerow.

The minutes of yesterday's sessions were read and approved.

The following committees on sessional records were appointed:

Churches.	*Ministers.*	*Elders.*
1. Pleasantville,	Frank F. Blessing,	Stanton Cady.
2. South East,	John A. Ingham,	John G. Clark.
3. Patterson,	Adrian V. S. Wallace,	Edwin A. Knapp.

A communication with regard to the Missionary Congress of the Synod of New York was referred to a special committee consisting of Rev. Messrs. Robert P. Gibson, Harris Ely Adriance, and Elder Joseph Barrett.

Licentiate Theodore L. Van Norden was received from the Presbytery of New York, and it was ordered that his name be enrolled.

A call from the church at South Salem for the pastoral services of Mr. Van Norden was presented. Commis-

sioners from the church and congregation were heard. The call was found in order, placed in Mr. Van Norden's hands, and by him accepted.

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Rev. Joseph F. Folsom and Elder Thomas Gilbert were appointed a committee to arrange for his installation at South Salem, if his examination for ordination should be sustained.

An application from the Pleasantville Church for aid from the Synodical Aid Fund was referred to the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension.

The following were placed in nomination as commissioners to the General Assembly:

Ministers. — Harris Ely Adriance, Robert P. Gibson, Wilson Phraner, Alexander Miller, Francis E. Smith, Frederick A. M. Brown, John T. Wills, Joseph F. Folsom, Arthur Requa, Manfred P. Welcher.
Elders. — Thomas Gilbert, Ralph E. Prime, Milton Frost, Charles R. Otis, Charles E. Harvey, William McD. Halsey, Warren S. Paddock.

The Committee on Education presented a report, which was accepted, and after amendment adopted. The commissioners to the General Assembly were instructed to make these recommendations their special care. The report is as follows:

Your Committee on Education have no additional students to report at this time to be taken under the care of Presbytery or to be recommended for aid from the Board. There is, however, a matter which demands our serious attention. At the last Stated Meeting at Mt. Kisco two students, Thomas Travis from the Dayspring, Yonkers, N. Y., and John O. Weston from the Westminster Church, of the same place, in the preparatory course at Northfield, were received under the care of this Presbytery as candidates for the Gospel ministry. The members of Presbytery agreed with the members of this committee in being most favorably impressed by these young men. They came before us with the heartiest recommendations of their pastors as to their fidelity and efficiency already manifested in Christian service; their earnestness was attested by their labors to provide for themselves funds to begin their course of study. The last General Assembly in Washington had recommended the Board of Education to aid academic students even at the cost of withdrawing some aid from those nearing the end of their studies in theological seminaries, who would have more opportunities for earning money Encouraged by this action (and in fact, it was this action which led these young men themselves to make application) we recommended them to the Board for the full amount of aid, only to have the application politely refused. Shortly afterward your committee received from the Board a record of its action to the effect that the Board did not consider it wise to follow the Assembly's recommendation, although at the same time the Board

was exceedingly scrupulous in obeying the Assembly's instructions with regard to aiding students in theological seminaries not fully approved by the General Assembly. This matter was called to the attention of Presbytery at the Intermediate Meeting at Yonkers, and this Presbytery urged upon the Board the necessity of aiding students at the start, in their preparatory studies. For answer the Board referred to its previous action. Spring Stated Meeting, April 18, 1894.

Now, brethren, the matter is exceedingly pressing. Shall these young men, whom we have received under our care and whom we believe to be worthy of aid, if any students are, shall they be turned aside from the ministry, or, what shall we do about it? This Presbytery contributes largely, according to its means, to the work of the Board of Education. According to the last report of the Board this Presbytery contributed from its 37 churches $894, and received from the Board $293 in aid of five students. The Presbytery of Syracuse contributed from its 42 churches $213, and received $450 for six students. Rochester with its 46 churches, some of them of 1,500 or 2,000 members, contributed $567, about two-thirds as much as we did, and received $328 for three students, while Utica contributed from its 43 churches $220, and received $960. These figures might even be made more striking by taking presbyteries farther from home. The Synods of Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois, with their great and wealthy churches, well able to care for their own, receive large sums in excess of what they turn into the treasury of the Board. Of course such comparisons are not conclusive. The strong ought to bear the burdens of the weak. But the presbyteries referred to in our own Synod are stronger than Westchester, numerically and financially, and, we submit, it is manifestly improper for the weak to bear the burdens of the strong. We claim that, with our faithful and generous support of the whole work of the Board of Education, the students whom we single out for the honor are deserving of recognition. In view, then, of these facts, that the Board refuses the aid sought, and that without some timely assistance these will be lost from the ranks of the ministry, your committee, after careful consideration, for the matter is serious, unite in making the following recommendations:

1. That this Presbytery recommends to its churches that for the current church year each church send 25 per cent. of its regular collection for the Board of Education to the Treasurer of the Presbytery to be paid out by him under the order of Presbytery, for the support of our candidates for the ministry who cannot obtain aid from the Board.
2. That the churches be urged to make earnest effort to increase their contributions to the Board in order that the amount contributed by this Presbytery to the general work of the Board be not decreased by the above action.
3. That a copy of this report, with its recommendations, be sent to the Board of Education, and to the General Assembly.

Invitations from the Pleasantville Church for the June Intermediate Meeting, and from the Stamford Church for the Fall Stated Meeting, were accepted.

The sessional records of the South East and Pleasantville churches were approved without exception, and that of the Patterson Church with an exception.

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The time for the examination of Licentiate Theodore L. Van Norden for ordination was left to the discretion of the Committee on Examinations.

Recess was then taken until 2 P.M.

Closed with prayer.

WEDNESDAY, 2 P.M.

Presbytery reassembled after recess, and was opened with prayer.

The Committee on Examinations received permission to retire for the examination of Licentiate Van Norden.

The first order of the afternoon, the election of commissioners to the General Assembly, was taken up and the following tellers appointed:

Votes for Ministers. — Rev. John H. Trussell and Elder Stanton Cady.

Votes for Elders. — Rev. Charles E. Allison and Elder Joseph Barrett.

Pending the counting of the ballots, the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension reported, recommending the churches at Pleasantville and Pound Ridge to the Board of Home Missions for aid from the Synodical Aid Fund to the amount of $200 each. Adopted.

The amendments proposed to the Standing Rules, given on pages 333 and 345 of the Minutes, were adopted. They are as follows:

1. Rule 12 is amended so as to read "He shall also prepare, print, and deliver in like manner *each year* a list of Ruling Elders, etc."
2. Rule 18 is amended by omitting that portion which prescribes the number of ministers and elders on certain committees.
3. Rule 33 is amended so as to read "*before* the Spring Stated Meeting."
4. Rule 1 is amended by substituting *Monday* for Tuesday as the opening day of the stated meetings.

The following amendments to the Standing Rules were proposed to be voted on at the Fall Stated Meeting:

1. That Rule 16 be amended by adding, *4. Sessional Records;* and *No. 4, of three ministers and three elders.*
2. That Rule 17 be amended by omitting, *3. Sessional Record of each church.*

3. That Rule 24 be amended by adding after the words, "a majority of all the votes being necessary to an election"—*except when otherwise provided for by Presbytery.*

4. That Rule 25 be omitted.

5. That Rule 28 be amended so as to read: *The sessional records of the first half of the churches, alphabetically arranged, shall be presented for examination at the Fall Stated Meeting, and of the second half of the churches at the Spring Stated Meeting.*

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Rule 28 was suspended and the Stated Clerk was directed to notify the first half of the churches, arranged alphabetically, to present their sessional records at the Fall Stated Meeting.

The committee on the affairs of the Port Chester Church (p. 367) was reappointed and given power to add to their number, to consider any other matters which may be of importance to the welfare of the church and its pastor-elect. Elder Sanford R. Knapp was excused from service on the committee. Subsequently the committee was enlarged, and is now as follows: Rev. Messrs. John T. Wills, Anthony R. Macoubrey, Thornton M. Niven, and Charles S. Lane, and Elders Ralph E. Prime, Henry Parsons, and A. Noel Blakeman.

The tellers presented their report and the following were declared elected commissioners to the General Assembly:

PRINCIPALS.

Ministers.	*Elders.*
Robert P. Gibson,	Ralph E. Prime,
Wilson Phraner,	Milton Frost,
Alexander Miller.	Thomas Gilbert.

ALTERNATES.

Frederick A. M. Brown,	Charles R. Otis,
Harris Ely Adriance,	William McD. Halsey,
Arthur Requa.	Charles E. Harvey.

The special committee, to whom was referred the communication on the Missionary Congress (p. 369), reported, nominating the following ministers and elders:

Ministers.	*Elders.*
Wilson Phraner,	Sanford R. Knapp,
Anthony R. Macoubrey,	William H. Foster,
John Reid,	Warren S. Paddock,
Henry A. Davenport,	John G. Clark,
William N. Richie,	Ralph E. Prime,
Robert R. White,	William McD. Halsey,
Richard P. H. Vail.	Ebenezer G. Platt.

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The Committee on Bills and Overtures presented a report on papers referred to them, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

I. That Presbytery join with the Presbytery of Hudson in sending to the General Assembly the following overture:

The Presbytery of Westchester, recognizing and deploring the fact that there is no way officially provided by our ecclesiastical polity for bringing together unemployed ministers and unsupplied churches, and being earnestly desirous of having some effective way of accomplishing this result officially provided, respectfully submits to the favorable consideration of the General Assembly the following plan for the accomplishment of this object:

1. It shall be the duty of each Presbytery to appoint a Committee on Supply, whose duty it shall be to furnish work for its unemployed ministers, and the enjoyment of ordinances by its unsupplied churches. Of this committee the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery and the Chairman of the Home Mission Committee shall be *ex officio* members.

2. It shall be the duty of every vacant church, unless granted leave to supply itself, to seek the enjoyment of ordinances through this committee. Similarly, it shall be the duty of unemployed ministers desiring service unless excused, to seek it through this committee.

3. There shall be added to *The Church at Home and Abroad* an Ecclesiastical Register. To this Register the Stated Clerks shall report monthly all ecclesiastical changes occurring in their respective Presbyteries, and in it no change shall be published which has not been thus officially reported. In addition to this there shall be published quarterly, in Synodical and Presbyterial order, a list of vacancies seeking pastoral services. Appended to this list in every Presbytery shall be a statement (1) of the number of pastoral charges these vacancies will constitute; (2) the number of ministers within it who are without charge; (3) the number of these who desire to render stated pastoral service. These provisions, however, shall not apply to stations and to missionaries under the direct care and appointment of any of the boards.

4. Any minister desiring a hearing in any of these vacancies shall make application to the committee of the Presbytery having charge of the same.

5. Whenever, by the ordinary operations of supply and demand, thus clearly indicated, any vacancy is left unsupplied, it shall be the duty of the Presbyterial Committee to appoint supply in its own best judgment.

6. Any expense necessarily incurred by *The Church at Home and Abroad*, under this arrangement, shall be paid on the order of its Publishing Committee, out of the Contingent Fund, by the Treasurer of the General Assembly.

II. That the following overture on missionary literature be sent to the General Assembly:

The Presbytery of Westchester does hereby respectfully overture the General Assembly to consider and adopt some plan whereby information as to the work of our church through its various boards may be periodically printed in an inexpensive newspaper form for general distribution among the families of our church, in addition to the circulation of our regular missionary magazine, *The Church at Home and Abroad*.

III. That an elder be appointed to look after the interest of the

Synodical Aid Fund and secure, if possible, the amount, $1,497.60, desired from this Presbytery.

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Elder William H. Parsons was appointed as the committee called for in the last recommendation.

Rev. Oliver S. Dean was received by letter of dismission from the Norfolk (Mass.) Association of Congregational Ministers. After answering in the affirmative the first seven questions of Section 12, Chapter XV, of the Form of Government, it was ordered that his name should be enrolled.

The Committee on Examinations reported favorably on the examination of Licentiate Theodore L. Van Norden. Mr. Van Norden made a statement of his theological views. The roll was called and his examination was unanimously sustained.

The committee to arrange for his ordination and installation at South Salem (p. 370), presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

That when Presbytery adjourn it adjourn to meet at South Salem, May 10, 1894, at 2 P.M. Sermon—Rev. James A. McWilliams; Rev. Robert P. Gibson, alternate. Charge to the pastor—Rev. William J. Cumming; Rev. J. H. Eastman, alternate. Charge to the people—Rev. David Laughlin; Rev. Joseph F. Folsom, alternate.

In accordance with the action of Presbytery (p. 368), the subject of temperance was considered and the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Presbytery has heard with great pleasure of the successful campaigns in the interest of Gospel temperance in New Haven, Bridgeport, Yonkers, and New Rochelle, and express hearty approval of the same, and suggest to all our churches and communities that, wherever they can, they exert themselves in this way for reclaiming the fallen.

Recess was taken until 7.45 P.M.

Closed with prayer.

WEDNESDAY, 7.45 P.M.

Presbytery reassembled, and after devotional exercises listened to an address in the interest of Sunday-school Missionary Work by Rev. James A. Worden.

Business was then resumed, and a letter from Rev. James N. Crocker, Synodical Superintendent, was read.

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The Stated Clerk was authorized to give Rev. William N. Richie a letter of dismission to such Presbytery as he may indicate, whenever he requests it.

A minute on the death of Elder Seth H. Mead of the First Church of Peekskill was read, and ordered to be entered in the Necrology.

Rev. John A. Ingham was appointed in place of Rev. John E. Bushnell on the Committee on Examinations, as chairman of the sub-committee on Arts, Sciences, and Ancient Languages.

The Permanent Clerk was directed to express the sympathy of Presbytery with Rev. William J. Cumming, Stated Clerk, in his recent bereavement.

A cordial vote of thanks to the pastor, officers, and ladies of the White Plains Church, for their kind and generous hospitality, was adopted.

The Committee on Leave of Absence presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Your committee have granted leave of absence to the following:

Ministers. — John A. Ingham, John Reid, Charles E. Allison, Frank F. Blessing, Francis E. Smith, Robert R. White, Joseph F. Folsom, Edward B. Allen, Thornton M. Niven, John T. Wills, Henry A. Davenport.

Elders. — Ebenezer G. Platt, Nathan Johnson, Thomas G. Ritch, William H. Foster, Robert L. Wilde, Francis A. Lee, Charles E. Harvey, John Johnston, William L. Odell, Albert Scofield, Walter C. Johnson, Thomas Gilbert, Edwin A. Knapp, John Miller, Jr., Francis W. Marsh.

The roll was called and the following were found to have withdrawn without leave:

Ministers. — Homer S. Newcomb, William B. Waller, James H. Hoyt, David Laughlin.

Elders. — Irving Wright, Warren S. Paddock, James Morrison, John G. Clark, William A. Burnham.

The minutes of to-day's sessions were read and approved.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet at South Salem, N. Y., Thursday, May 10, 1894, at 2 P.M.

Closed with prayer.

W. J. CUMMING,
Stated Clerk.

J. H. EASTMAN,
Permanent Clerk.

OFFICERS OF PRESBYTERY.

Spring Stated Meeting, April 18, 1894.

Moderator—Elder Ralph E. Prime, Yonkers, N. Y. *Stated Clerk and Treasurer*—Rev. William J. Cumming, Yorktown, N. Y. *Permanent Clerk*—Rev. John H. Eastman, Katonah, N. Y. *Temporary Clerks*—Rev. Joseph F. Folsom, Pound Ridge, N. Y.; and Elder Sanford R. Knapp, Peekskill, N. Y.

TRUSTEES.

Ministers—Rollin A. Sawyer, Richard P. H. Vail, Thornton M. Niven.

Elders—Edward Wells (*Clerk, Peekskill, N. Y.*), Uriah Hill, William H. Parsons, Thomas G. Ritch (*Treasurer, Stamford, Conn.*), Benjamin Weed.

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1894.

Churches,	39	Added on Examination,	408
Sunday-schools,	49	Added on Certificate,	274
Ministers,	63	Total Communicants,	7,751
Licentiates,	9	Adults Baptized,	121
Candidates,	5	Infants Baptized,	246
Elders,	165	Sunday-school Membership,	7,254
Deacons,	61		

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Home Missions,	$13,599	Synodical Aid Fund,	$723
Foreign Missions,	8,940	Aid for Colleges,	573
Education,	895	General Assembly,	896
Sunday-school Work,	1,780	Congregational,	163,394
Church Erection,	940	American Bible Society,	603
Relief Fund,	1,350	Miscellaneous,	10,521
Freedmen,	1,009		
Total,			$205,223

Adjourned Meeting, May 10, 1894.

South Salem, N. Y., May 10, 1894.

The Presbytery of Westchester met, pursuant to adjournment, in the Presbyterian Church, South Salem, N. Y., Thursday, May 10, 1894, at 2 P.M., and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator, Elder Ralph E. Prime.

The roll was called and the following were found to be present:

Ministers.	*Churches.*	*Elders.*
Robert P. Gibson,	Croton Falls.	
John H. Eastman,	Katonah.	
David Laughlin,	Mt. Kisco.	
James A. McWilliams,	Sing Sing,	Rodney S. Lockwood.
Joseph F. Folsom,	Pound Ridge,	Albert Scofield.
	Yonkers 1st,	Ralph E. Prime.
	Bedford,	John G. Clark.
	South Salem,	Thomas Gilbert.
5		5
Total present,.....		10

Corresponding Members. — Rev. John W. Ballantine of the Fairfield West Consociation of Congregational Churches, and Rev. T. L. Lainé of the New York East Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

The Presbytery proceeded to the ordination of Licentiate Theodore L. Van Norden and his installation as pastor of the South Salem Church in accordance with the arrangements made by Presbytery (p. 375).

After devotional exercises a sermon was preached by Rev. James A. McWilliams from the text, 1 Cor. 1:23 and 24, "We preach Christ . . . . Christ the power of God."

The Moderator then stated the action of Presbytery, and propounded the constitutional questions.

By invitation the Rev. John W. Ballantine offered the ordaining prayer.

The charge to the pastor was given by Rev. John H. Eastman, and that to the people by Rev. David Laughlin.

On motion it was ordered that the name of Rev. Theodore L. Van Norden be entered upon the roll of Presbytery.

The minutes were read and approved.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet at Pleasantville, N. Y., Tuesday, June 19, 1894. Adjourned Meeting, May 10, 1894.

Closed with prayer by the Moderator and the benediction by the newly installed pastor.

W. J. CUMMING,
Stated Clerk.

J. H. EASTMAN,
Permanent Clerk.

PLEASANTVILLE, N. Y., June 19, 1894. Intermediate Meeting. June 19, 1894.

The Presbytery of Westchester met pursuant to appointment in the Presbyterian Church, Pleasantville, N. Y., June 19, 1894, at 10.30 A.M., and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator, Elder Ralph E. Prime.

The roll was called and the following found to be present:

Ministers.	*Churches.*	*Elders.*	
Rollin A. Sawyer.			
Anthony R. Macoubrey,	White Plains,	Samuel H. Wilson.	
Thornton M. Niven,	Greenburgh,	Jacob T. Wheeler.	
John T. Wills,	Greenwich 1st.		
Alexander Miller,	Mahopac Falls.		
Robert P. Gibson,	Croton Falls.		
John Reid,	Yonkers 1st,	Ralph E. Prime.	
John H. Eastman,	Katonah.		
J. Ritchie Smith,	Peekskill 1st,	Edward Wells.	
William J. Cumming,	Yorktown,	Enos Lee.	
Charles E. Allison,	Dayspring.		
John H. Trussell,	S. E. Centre.		
Manfred P. Welcher.			
Charles S. Lane,	Mt. Vernon 1st,	R. E. Wilcox.	
James A. McWilliams,	Sing Sing,	Stanton Cady.	
Arthur Requa,	Darien.		
George R. Cutting,	Westminster,	William L. Odell.	
Henry R. White,	Pleasantville,	Willet C. Brown.	
Robert R. White,	Bedford.		
Joseph F. Folsom,	Pound Ridge.		
John A. Ingham,	Irvington.		
Frank F. Blessing,	Scarborough,	Francis A. See.	
	Gilead,	William H. Foster.	
	Rye,	Henry Parsons.	
	22		12
Total present,.....			34

Ministers absent. — Elias S. Schenck, Chauncey D. Rice, Charles E. Lindsley, Wilson Phraner, David Murdoch, Lewis H. Reid, Thomas J. Evans, William Life, Talmon C. Perry, Andrew B. Morse, Edward B. Allen, Frederick A. M. Brown, Oliver S. Dean, David A. Holbrook, Henry M. Baird, Homer S. Newcomb, Theodore S. Pond, Christopher R. Brown, Richard P. H. Vail, Marcellus Bowen, Henry A. Davenport, William B. Waller, R. Randall Hoes, Charles E. Upson, William N. Richie, James H. Hoyt, William K. Eddy, Richard B. Mattice, Irving E. White, David Laughlin, Adrian V. S. Wallace, W. Hart Dexter, John S. Penman, William Watts Davidson, Francis E. Smith, Harris Ely Adriance, Bruce Wallace Cronmiller, William G. Jenkins, Theodore L. VanNorden. — 39.

Churches not represented. — South East, New Haven 1st, Patterson, Greenwich 1st, Mahopac Falls, Stamford 1st, Croton Falls, Bridgeport 1st, New Rochelle, Katonah, Dayspring, S. E. Centre, Throggs Neck, Peekskill 2d, Mt. Kisco, Thompsonville, Darien, New Rochelle 2d,

Huguenot Memorial, Bedford, Pound Ridge, Irvington, South Salem, North Salem, Hartford, Hastings 1st, Portchester. — 27.

Intermediate Meeting, June 19, 1894.

Excused for absence. — Chauncey D. Rice, Lewis H. Reid, Charles E. Lindsley, Theodore S. Pond, Marcellus Bowen, William K. Eddy, Adrian V. S. Wallace, Bruce Wallace Cronmiller.

The committees to prepare minutes on deaths of Elders Daniel D. Smith and John H. Badeau (p. 365) presented reports, which were accepted, and it was ordered that they should be entered in the Necrology.

The death of Elder Edwin Bouton of the South Salem Church was announced and Rev. Manfred P. Welcher was appointed to draft a minute for the Necrology.

The committee to install Rev. John A. Ingham at Irvington, N. Y., reported the discharge of the duty in accordance with the directions of Presbytery (p. 368), Rev. Harris Ely Adriance preaching the sermon in the place of Rev. Edward B. Coe, Rev. Thornton M. Niven making the installing prayer, Rev. Washington Choate giving the charge to the pastor, and Rev. John S. Penman that to the people.

The committee on the affairs of the Port Chester Church, etc. (p. 373), presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Your committee have met several times and considered the matter referred to us. We find, as the records of Presbytery show, that a committee was appointed at the January Intermediate Meeting to ascertain why Rev. William N. Richie was not installed as pastor of the Port Chester church (p. 359). That committee reported at the Spring Stated meeting, and was discharged (p. 367). We have learned from members of that committee that they visited the church at Port Chester and met the officers of that church and succeeded in adjusting all matters of difference between the church and the pastor-elect; that the adjustment was amicable, and was declared by both sides to be wholly satisfactory; and that the same was alike honorable to the church and Rev. Mr. Richie; and that there was nothing whatever in the claims of the latter which was not just and honorable to him; and that he generously waived his just rights to enable the committee to bring about the adjustment mentioned; that Mr. Richie had in fact in January or February announced to the congregation that he had concluded to accept the call of the church to be its pastor. He subsequently in Presbytery formally declined the call (p. 367). If certain busy and evil people, who unfortunately exist in all communities more or less, had but been about their own business, that visit of your committee would have ended all friction and disagreement, and both sides would have been delivered from further trouble. Persons who, we are informed, have no official or other relation to that church, and

evidently for no good or justifiable purpose whatever, and certainly only actuated by a malicious desire to stir up trouble and do a wanton and willful injury, caused to be published in a local newspaper a sensational article, which article, being sensational, was the foundation of other like sensational articles in the New York and even in Philadelphia papers, to which distant place, it is reasonable to infer, it must have been maliciously communicated, else it would not have been published. These articles reflect upon the character and service of Rev. Mr. Richie. No possible good could have been intended by the publications alluded to; they could only have been inspired of evil. We have from our investigation come to the conclusion that those articles are substantially misleading and untrue, and the inferences not justified by any of the facts. We can only do this much to set forth the truth.

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We recommend that Presbytery express its sympathy with Rev. Mr. Richie and its condemnation of the injury done him by the evil-disposed persons referred to.

The Committee of Arrangements reported, recommending that a recess for lunch be taken at 12 M. Report accepted and its recommendation adopted.

On motion, the absence of Rev. Bruce Wallace Cronmiller was excused, and the Stated Clerk was directed to call his attention to the record of his continued absence from the meetings of Presbytery and to express the hope that in the future he may be present both as a duty and a privilege.

On motion, the Stated Clerk was directed to prepare and print once a year in the minutes a roll alphabetically arranged of the ministers of Presbytery.

The nomination of a Trustee of Presbytery in place of Rev. John E. Bushnell, dismissed to the Presbytery of New York, was referred to a committee consisting of Rev. John T. Wills and Elder Henry Parsons.

Rev. Messrs. John H. Eastman and Robert P. Gibson and Elders John G. Clark and Stanton Cady were appointed a committee to revise the standing committees.

A verbal report was presented by Elder Edward Wells, clerk of the Trustees of Presbytery, in regard to the Somers Church property, and a formal report was promised at the Fall Stated Meeting.

Rev. John H. Eastman reported that he had preached in the Rye Church on April 22 and declared the pulpit vacant (p. 362).

A minute on the death of Elder Joseph K. Johnson of

the Huguenot Memorial Church (p. 365) was reported by the Stated Clerk as entered upon in the Necrology.

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Rev. Messrs. Robert P. Gibson and Alexander Miller and Elder Ralph E. Prime reported their attendance as commissioners to the General Assembly. Their reports were accepted and their fidelity approved.

It was reported that the overture of this Presbytery to the General Assembly on contributions to Education (p. 371) was approved.

On motion, action taken April 19, 1892, ordering the appointment of a committee to nominate delegates to the Synod (p. 262), was rescinded.

The committee to nominate a Trustee of Presbytery in the place of Rev. John E. Bushnell reported, nominating Rev. William B. Waller. The report was accepted and Mr. Waller elected.

Recess was taken until 1.30 P. M.

Closed with prayer.

1.30 P. M.

The Presbytery reassembled and was opened with prayer.

The Committee on Education presented a report, and, on motion, the Treasurer was directed to pay one-half of the Education Fund (special) to Rev. George R. Cutting for the use of candidate John O. Weston and the other half to Rev. Charles E. Allison for the use of candidate Thomas Travis.

A resolution of thanks was passed to the ladies of the Pleasantville Church for their abundant hospitality.

The minutes were read and approved.

The Presbytery then adjourned to meet in the Presbyterian Church, Stamford, Conn., Monday, October 1, 1894.

Closed with singing and prayer.

W. J. CUMMING,
Stated Clerk.

J. H. EASTMAN,
Permanent Clerk.

STAMFORD, CONN., October 1, 1894.

Fall Stated Meeting, Oct. 1, 1894.

The Presbytery of Westchester met pursuant to appointment in the Presbyterian Church, Stamford, Conn., Monday, October 1, 1894, at 7.45 P. M.

After devotional exercises, the Moderator, Elder Ralph E. Prime, preached a sermon from the text, Rom. 11 : 13 — "Inasmuch as I am the apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify mine office."

The Presbytery was then constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

The roll was called and the following found to be present :

Ministers.	*Churches.*	*Elders.*
Charles E. Lindsley (2).		
David Murdoch.		
Thomas J. Evans.		
William Life (2).		
Talmon C. Perry.		
Anthony R. Macoubrey,	White Plains,	Elijah C. Sniffin (2).
Thornton M. Niven (2),	Greenburgh,	Joseph Conklin (2).
Fred'k A. M. Brown (2),	New Haven 1st,	Jerome Owens (2).
Oliver S. Dean,	Patterson.	
John T. Mills,	Greenwich 1st.	
Alexander Miller,	Mahopac Falls.	
Richard P. H. Vail,	Stamford 1st,	Samuel Pierson, M.D.
John Ludlow Kendall (2).		
Robert P. Gibson,	Croton Falls.	
John Reid (2),	Yonkers 1st,	Theodore Gilman.
Henry A. Davenport (2),	Bridgeport 1st,	George E. Christie.
William B. Waller (2),	New Rochelle,	Henry M. Lester (2).
John H. Eastman (2),	Katonah.	
	Peekskill 1st,	Sanford R Knapp.
William J. Cumming,	Yorktown,	Henry White.
Charles E. Allison,	Dayspring,	William Smith (2).
John H. Trussell (2),	S. E. Center.	
Irving E. White,	Peekskill 2d,	Jacob R. Decatur (2).
David Laughlin,	Mt. Kisco,	Joseph Banks.
Manfred P. Welcher.		
Charles S. Lane,	Mt. Vernon 1st,	Ransom E. Wilcox.
Adrian V. S Wallace,	Thompsonville,	Andrew Sloane.
James A. McWilliams (2),	Sing Sing,	Horace U. Cumming.
W. Hart Dexter (2).		
Arthur Requa,	Darien.	
George R. Cutting,	Westminster,	Alex. O. Kirkwood.
William Watts Davidson (2).		
	New Rochelle 2d,	Charles E. Harvey (2).
Harris Ely Adriance,	Hugenot Memorial.	
Henry R. White (2),	Pleasantville,	David Nelson (2).
Robert R. White,	Bedford,	Albert Williamson (2).
Joseph F. Folsom,	Pound Ridge,	Henry Miller.

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Ministers.	*Churches.*	*Elders.*
John A. Ingham (2),	Irvington.	
Frank F. Blessing,	Scarborough,	Francis A. See.
	Gilead,	George E. Reed.
Wm. Watson Breckenridge (2),	Hartford,	John Johnston (2).
	South Salem,	Henry L. St. John.
	Rye,	William H. Parsons (2).
	38	25

Total present,.....63

Ministers absent. — Elias S. Schenck, Chauncey D. Rice, Wilson Phraner, Lewis H. Reid, Andrew B. Morse, Rollin A. Sawyer, Edward B. Allen, David A. Holbrook, Henry M. Baird, Homer S. Newcomb, Theodore S. Pond, Christopher R. Brown, Marcellus Bowen, R. Randall Hoes, Charles E. Upson, William N. Richie, J. Ritchie Smith, James H. Hoyt, William K. Eddy, Richard B. Mattice, John S. Penman, Francis E. Smith, Bruce Wallace Cronmiller, William G. Jenkins, Theodore L. Van Norden. — 25.

Churches not represented. — South East, Patterson, Greenwich 1st, Mahopac Falls, Croton Falls, Katonah, S. E. Center, Throggs Neck, Darien, Huguenot Memorial, Irvington, North Salem, Hastings 1st, Portchester. — 14.

Excused for absence. — Chauncey D. Rice, R. Randall Hoes, J. Ritchie Smith, Wilson Phraner, Andrew B. Morse, William G. Jenkins, James H. Hoyt, Lewis H. Reid, Francis E. Smith, Theodore S. Pond, Marcellus Bowen, William K. Eddy.

Corresponding members. — Rev. Judson H. Hopkins of the Presbytery of Nassau. Rev. D. G. Downey of the New York East Conference of the M. E. Church. Rev. Charles E. Knox of the Presbytery of Newark.

On motion, Rev. James N. Crocker, Synodical Superintendent, spoke on the subject of Synodical Aid.

Rev. Oliver S. Dean was elected Moderator, Rev. John H. Eastman Permanent Clerk, and Elder Ralph E. Prime and Rev. Joseph F. Folsom Temporary Clerks.

The Committee of Arrangements presented a report which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Monday, 7.45 P. M. Sermon by the Moderator, to be followed by an address on Synodical Aid by Rev. James N. Crocker, Synodical Superintendent.

Tuesday, 9–10 A. M. Devotional service led by Rev. Irving E. White. 10 A. M.–12.30 P. M. and 2.30–5.30 P. M. Business sessions. 7.45 A. M. Address by Rev. Arthur T. Pierson, on The Crisis of Missions.

Presbytery then adjourned to 9 A. M. to-morrow.

Closed with prayer and benediction.

Tuesday, October 2, 1894.

The Presbytery met at 9 A. M., and spent the first hour in devotional exercises conducted by Rev. Irving E. White. Fall Stated Meeting, Oct. 2, 1894.

After prayer by the Moderator, the roll was called, and the following not present yesterday answered to their names:

Ministers. — Charles E. Lindsley, William Life, Anthony R. Macoubrey, Thornton M. Niven, Frederick A. M. Brown, John Reid, Henry A. Davenport, William B. Waller, John H. Eastman, John H. Trussell, James A. McWilliams, W. Hart Dexter, William Watts Davidson, Henry R. White, John A. Ingham.

Elders. — Elijah C. Sniffin, Joseph Conklin, Jerome Owens, Henry M. Lester, William Smith, Jacob R. Decatur, Charles E. Harvey, David Nelson, Albert Williamson, George E. Reed, William H. Parsons.

The minutes of last evening's session were read and approved.

The Stated Clerk was authorized to grant a letter of dismission to the Presbytery of Oroomiah of the Syrian Evangelical Church, Rev. Benjamin W. Labaree.

A communication from the Board of Home Missions was received, stating that only $130 of the $200 asked for the Pound Ridge Church had been granted. It was referred to the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension.

A similar communication from the same Board, stating that $200 had been granted to the Pleasantville Church, was presented.

A communication from the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly, with respect to printing the statistical reports of presbyteries, was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

The overture of the General Assembly on Federation was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

A communication from the Committee on Systematic Beneficence of the General Assembly was referred to the Committee on Systematic Beneficence.

The report of the Committee on Sessional Records was made the third order of the afternoon, and that of the Committee on Systematic Beneficence the fourth order.

The Moderator announced the following committees:

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I. BILLS AND OVERTURES.

Elders.—Ralph E. Prime, Henry White, George E. Christie.
Ministers.—Irving E. White, Adrian V. S. Wallace.

II. JUDICIAL BUSINESS.

Ministers.—Charles E. Allison, William B. Waller, Harris Ely Adriance.
Elders.—Joseph Banks, Andrew Sloane.

III. SESSIONAL RECORDS.

Elders.—Sanford R. Knapp, Theodore Gilman, Henry M. Lester.
Ministers.—David Laughlin, Arthur Requa, Robert P. Gibson.

IV. FINANCE.

Minister.—Alexander Miller.
Elder.—William H. Parsons.

V. LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

Minister.—Joseph F. Folsom.
Elder.—Ralph E. Prime.

The following persons were placed in nomination as delegates to the Synod:

Elders.—Sanford R. Knapp, Henry M. Lester, Clarence L. Reid, William H. Parsons, Theodore Gilman, Henry White, Alexander O. Kirkwood, Albert Chamberlain, Jacob R. Decatur, William Smith, Benjamin D. Everett, A. Noel Blakeman, Charles E. Harvey, James A. Merritt, Charles E. Corwin, David Travis.
Ministers.—Charles S. Lane, Robert R. White, Oliver S. Dean, Richard P. H. Vail, James A. McWilliams, Irving E. White, William B. Waller, Charles E. Allison, Frank F. Blessing, J. Ritchie Smith, John H. Eastman, Adrian V. S. Wallace.

Rev. John Ludlow Kendall was received by letter of dismission from the Presbytery of Northumberland, and it was ordered that his name be enrolled.

Rev. John T. Wills was appointed to draft the Narrative for the Spring Stated Meeting, and Rev. Harris Ely Adriance alternate.

The Treasurer presented his annual report, and it was referred to the Committee on Finance. It is as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING OCT. 1, 1894.

Receipts.

Cash on hand Oct. 1, 1893,		$261.11
Assessments, 1893,	$7.32	
Assessments, 1894,	834.20—	841.52
Education (Special),	108.00	
Education,	15.91—	123.91
Total,		$1,226.54

Disbursements.

Salary — Stated Clerk,			$100.00
Expense — Postage and stationery,	$15.71		Fall Stated Meeting, Oct. 2, 1894.
Blanks,	1.33		
Rubber stamp,	5.45		
Committee on Visitation,	9.90—	32.39	
Printing — Minutes,	78.75		
Notices,	9.00—	87.75	
Apportionments — General Assembly,	524.16		
Synod of New York,	44.92—	569.08	
Education (Special) — John O. Weston,	53.50		
Thomas Travis,	53.50—	107.00	
Delegates to Synod, expenses of,		84.51	
		$980.73	
Cash in the Westchester Co. Nat. Bank,		245.81	
Unpaid Assessments — Greenwich 1st, 1894,	$17.47		
Hartford, 1893,	28.97		
" 1894,	27.91		
Hastings 1st, 1894,	5.00		
Portchester, 1894,	16.92—	96.27	
Total,		$342.08	
Presbyterial Fund,		$228.90	
Education,		15.91	
Education (special),		1.00	

The Trustees of Presbytery reported that the legacy of $5,000 from the estate of the late Alexander Milne, for the benefit of the disabled ministers of Presbytery, had been invested on bond and mortgage at 5 per cent. interest.

Elder Ralph E. Prime, the retiring Moderator, was, on motion, continued as Chairman of Committee on Bills and Overtures, though not a member of this body.

The five amendments proposed at the last stated meeting to the Standing Rules (pp. 372 and 373) were taken up and adopted.

Rev. Judson H. Hopkins, of the Presbytery of Nassau, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The Committee on Education presented two candidates for the ministry to be taken under the care of the Presbytery, Norman Clark Whittemore, a member of the Rye Church, and Richard F. Chambers, a member of the Hartford Church. After their examination by the Moderator as to their religious experience and motives for entering the ministry, the Committee presented its report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Your committee recommends:

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1. As to the special fund (p. 384), that this account be closed, and the balance on hand be added to the fund raised by the 25 per cent. resolution (p. 371), to be hereafter known as the Education Fund.

2. That the following student, now under the care of Presbytery and receiving aid from the Board of Education, be again recommended for aid: Robert O. Kirkwood, Westminster Church, of the Sophomore Class, Princeton College.

3. That the following student, now under the care of Presbytery and before recommended but refused aid, be again recommended and the interest of the Board solicited in his behalf: Thomas Travis, Dayspring Church, at Mt. Hermon School.

4. That the following students be received under the care of the Presbytery: Richard F. Chambers, Hartford Church, in Senior Class of Princeton Seminary, and Norman Clark Whittemore, Rye Church, in Senior Class of Union Seminary.

5. That the following student, having been received under the care of Presbytery, be recommended to the Board for aid: Richard F. Chambers.

6. That the Treasurer of Presbytery pay from the Education Fund, to Rev. Charles E. Allison, $75 in trust for Thomas Travis towards his expenses at Mt. Hermon for the current year, this motion to take effect when the Treasurer of Presbytery is notified by the chairman of the Committee on Education that the Board of Education has refused to aid this young man for the current year.

7. That, in accordance with the recommendation of the Session of the Westminster Church, the name of John O. Weston be stricken from the roll of candidates under the care of Presbytery, on account of his change in belief, especially regarding the divinity of Christ and the immortality of the soul, and on account of his no longer intending to become a minister of the Presbyterian Church.

8. That the name of Edward Lambe Parsons be stricken from the roll of candidates on account of having connected himself with the Protestant Episcopal Church.

The Committee on Publication and Sabbath-school Work presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Your Committee recommends:

1. That each church endeavor by systematic effort to bring into its Sabbath-school neglected children and youth who attend no school; and that the observance of Rallying Day be urged.

2. That each church endeavor to furnish the means of training an adequate corps of competent teachers, bringing to the notice of the teachers the normal training afforded by the State Sunday-school Teachers' Associations and other methods matured by thoughtful educators.

3. That each church urge its teachers to train their scholars to faithfully attend the regular services of the church.

4. That each church train its Sunday-school scholars to contribute systematically for church support and benevolent causes.

5. That the superintendents bring to the notice of their schools the offer of the Board to present an Oxford Bible to each person who may learn and recite the Shorter Catechism.

6. That our churches should endeavor to introduce good temperance literature in the schools within our bounds, training the scholars to scatter such literature broadcast.

On motion, the following was adopted:

Fall Stated Meeting, Oct. 2, 1891.

Presbytery listened with pleasure, gratitude, and profit to the address of the Moderator, Elder Ralph E. Prime, on the Duties and Responsibilities of the Ruling Eldership. Believing that the address would be a valuable addition to our Presbyterian literature, we request Elder Prime to give a copy of it to our Committee on Publication and Sabbath-school Work; and we instruct the committee to forward the same to our Board of Publication in Philadelphia, asking that it be published in tract form and placed among the publications of the Board.

When it is so published the Stated Clerk is authorized to purchase a sufficient number of copies for distribution among the elders of Presbytery, and to send a copy to each elder.

Elder William H. Parsons of Special Committee on Synodical Aid (p. 375), presented a report, which was accepted. The committee was continued.

Rev. William Watson Breckenridge was received by letter of dismission from the New Haven Central Association, and after answering the constitutional questions of Form of Government, XV, 12, in the affirmative, and it was ordered that his name should be enrolled.

Rev. D. G. Downey of the New York East Conference of the M. E. Church was invited to sit as corresponding member.

A call from the Hartford Church for the pastoral services of Rev. William Watson Breckenridge was read, found in order, and ordered to be placed in his hands; and was by him accepted.

Rev. Messrs. Frederick A. M. Brown and William Watson Breckenridge and Elder John Johnston were appointed a committee to make arrangements for Mr. Breckenridge's installation.

Recess was then taken until 2.30 P. M.

Closed with prayer.

Tuesday, 2.30 P. M.

Presbytery reassembled, and was opened with prayer.

Rev. Manfred P. Welcher presented a minute on the death of Elder Edwin Bouton of the South Salem Church (p. 382), which was accepted, and ordered to be entered in the necrology.

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The Committee on Freedmen presented a report, which was accepted, and is as follows:

As to our Presbytery, in the past year all but six of the churches, the usual number, gave money to this cause. No record or report can be made of prayer offered or of private gifts of clothing or literature sent. It is hoped they are as powerful and precious in God's sight as the gifts of gold and silver. The total from this Presbytery last year reported in the minutes was $1,009, or nearly $100 more than the previous year.

Your committee earnestly commend the use by pastors and elders of the facts and statistics concerning this Board's work, published in the Minutes of General Assembly, the annual reports, and the leaflets of the Board, to arouse interest and justify liberal gifts.

The Committee on Aid for Colleges and Academies presented a report, which was accepted, and is as follows:

Your committee beg leave to report that during the past year 25 churches of this Presbytery contributed to this Board $573, being $279 less than the previous year. Fourteen of the churches are reported as contributing nothing.

Your committee would call the attention of Presbytery to the third resolution in the report of the Committee of General Assembly on Aid for Colleges and Academies, and adopted by the General Assembly:

"*Resolved*, That the General Assembly earnestly recommends the church to make an urgent endeavor to raise $150,000 for the work of the Board during the current presbyterial year."

In order to comply with this recommendation, it will be necessary for all our churches to contribute to this Board, and many of them to increase their contributions, which we hope they will do.

The Committee on Finance reported that they had examined the Treasurer's accounts, had found them correct, and recommended their approval. Adopted.

The first order — the election of delegates to the Synod — was taken up, and the following were appointed tellers:

Votes for Ministers. — Rev. John H. Trussell and Elder Horace U. Cumming.

Votes for Elders. — Rev. Arthur Requa and Elder Charles E. Harvey.

The Committee on Foreign Missions presented a report, which was accepted, and is as follows:

Of the churches of our Presbytery, 4, according to the Minutes of the General Assembly, gave nothing last year, *viz.*, Greenwich 1st, Throggs Neck, Pleasantville, and Hastings. Of these, the three first named failed to contribute also during the preceding year. Seven of the churches contributing — South East, Portchester, Peekskill 1st, New Rochelle 2d, Gilead, North Salem, Thompsonville — gave more, and 26 less than in the previous year.

The total amount contributed last year, according to the Minutes of the General Assembly, was $8,940, a decrease of $2,210. According

to the report of the Board, the total was $8,879.02, a loss of $836.22. It should be noted that the gifts of the Sabbath-schools increased $160, and of the women by $650. The churches of Irvington and Pound Ridge contributed through the Sabbath-school alone. Fall Stated Meeting, Oct. 2, 1894.

The General Assembly recommends that during the present year the churches shall increase their gifts by 25 per cent. The proportion of our Presbytery, including Sabbath schools and the gifts of women, is about $11,000, an average of about $1.50 per member. Each church may reckon its own proportion of this amount, which is just what we gave for the year ending April, 1893.

Eighteen of our churches were visited by Rev. Charles R. Mills of China in February and March. The audiences were generally good. Mr. Mills reported a "very delightful" tour, and the churches were profited by his earnest words. The committee suggested that the expenses of Mr. Mills should be met by the churches at the rate of one cent for each member. The response was so liberal that Mr. Mills reported to the committee receipts amounting to $54.78, expenses $23.21, leaving a balance of $31.57, which, of course, was his.

In conclusion, the committee call attention to the recommendation of the General Assembly (Minutes, p. 75), "that the members of our churches be advised to send their gifts for missions through the Board rather than through independent channels."

The Committee on Church Erection presented a report, which was accepted, and is as follows:

The contributions of the Presbytery of Westchester the past year were $940, a falling off from the previous year of $152. The church at Irvington, which contributed the previous year $164 to this Board, last year contributed nothing; so that if this one church had but made the same contribution as the year previous, the total for the Presbytery would have been $12 greater in 1894 than in 1893. On the other hand, it should be pointed out that notwithstanding the General Assembly estimated that the Board of Church Erection should receive 8 per cent. of the benevolent contributions of the churches for 1893-4, the Presbytery of Westchester gave but little more than 3 per cent. It may further be said, however, that a glance at the gifts of our churches reveals the fact that our contributions to the various boards are widely at variance from the Assembly's estimates. Whether this is justified or not may be a question, but, at the best, it can scarcely be questioned that the Board of Church Erection should receive more than 3 per cent. of the benevolence of our churches. It will be the more determined endeavor of your committee to secure a larger proportion for this important Board hereafter.

Your committee would close this report by quoting from the report of the Assembly's standing committee the following resolutions:

"*Resolved* (*2*), That Synods and Presbyteries be urged to adopt such measures as will secure an annual contribution to this cause from every church under their care.

"*Resolved* (*6*), That our Sabbath-schools be urged to include contributions to this Board in their annual gifts, these contributions to be used for the erection of chapels for Sabbath-school work on our home missionary fields."

On motion, fifteen minutes were granted to Rev. Chas. E. Knox, president of the German Theological School of Newark, N. J., when he shall arrive, to speak in the interest of that institution.

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The committee to arrange for the installation of Rev. William Watson Breckenridge, as pastor of the Hartford church, presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Time — Tuesday, October 30, 7.30 P. M. To preside and propound the constitutional questions — The moderator. Sermon — Rev. John Hall of the Presbytery of New York, to be invited; Rev. John Reid, alternate. Charge to the pastor — Rev. Henry A. Davenport; Rev. Richard P. H. Vail, alternate. Charge to the people — Rev. J. Aspinwall Hodge of the Presbytery of Chester, to be invited; Rev. Lewis H. Reid, alternate. Prayer of installation — Rev. Frederick A. M. Brown.

The special committee on the Portchester Church (p. 382), made a verbal report in reference to the affairs of the church.

On motion, it was resolved that Presbytery direct that one or more additional elders be elected and ordained in the Portchester Church; and Rev. John T. Wills be appointed to see that the above resolution of Presbytery be carried into effect, and that he be given discretion to associate any elders with him in the discharge of the duty.

Rev. Charles E. Knox of the Presbytery of Newark was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The tellers presented their reports, and the following were declared elected delegates to the Synod:

PRINCIPALS.

Ministers.		*Elders.*	
Oliver S. Dean	(one year).	Sanford R. Knapp	(one year).
Charles E. Allison	"	Henry M. Lester	"
Richard P. H. Vail	"	Theodore Gilman	"
John H. Eastman	"	Clarence L. Reid	"
William B. Waller	"	William H. Parsons	"

ALTERNATES.

Irving E. White,	Alexander O. Kirkwood,
James A. McWilliams,	Henry White,
Charles S. Lane,	Albert Chamberlain,
Robert R. White,	A. Noel Blakeman,
J. Ritchie Smith,	David Travis.

The second order of the afternoon was then taken up, and the Committee on Examinations reported that no candidates were to be examined at this meeting of the Presbytery.

On motion, the third order was postponed, and Rev. Charles E. Knox addressed the Presbytery upon the work of the German Theological School. Fall Stated Meeting, Oct. 2, 1894.

On motion, the stated and permanent clerks were directed to arrange for holding the January, intermediate, and Spring stated meetings in New York City.

On motion, it was resolved that the Presbytery, having heard the statement of Rev. Charles E. Knox, president of the German School of Newark, N. J., hereby heartily endorses the work of that school, which has approved itself by the results of twenty-five years past and authorizes the appeal to our churches and benevolent persons in our congregations for aid in meeting the enlarged demands of that increasing work.

The third order of the afternoon was taken up, and the Committee on Sessional Records presented a report, which was accepted, and after amendment adopted, and is as follows:

Your committee recommends:

1. That the records of the following churches be approved without exception: Katonah, Mt. Vernon 1st, Huguenot Memorial, Darien, Sing Sing, New Rochelle, New Rochelle 2d, Dayspring, Greenwich 1st, Mahopac Falls, North Salem, and Croton Falls.
2. That the following be approved with exceptions: Greenburgh, Bedford, Mt. Kisco, Bridgeport 1st, Hartford.
3. That the record of the Irvington Church be returned for the correction of informalities.
4. That Presbytery appoint a committee to prepare some plain and simple rules to guide the clerks of Sessions in the manner in which records should be kept, and that the rules be observed.

The Stated Clerk and Elder Sanford R. Knapp were appointed the committee called for in the report.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

1. The matter of the plan of Federation sent down to Presbytery from the General Assembly for the information and advice from the Presbyteries, has been considered. The matter is of great importance, and if advice of Presbytery is to be of any real use to General Assembly, it should be carefully considered and more fully than can be done during a stated meeting of Presbytery. We recommend that the papers in this matter be referred to a special committee of five to consider the same and to report at the next intermediate meeting of Presbytery.

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2. The matter of the communication of the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly concerning the printing of copies of the statistical reports of Presbytery for distribution among church members, we regard it as a matter greatly to be desired that each Christian family in the Presbyterian Church shall be as fully informed as possible as to the work of the church and of the several churches on the same Presbyterial roll, and of the contributions of such near and known churches to the benevolent work of the church. Several Presbyteries have adopted the plan of procuring copies of the statistical reports of the Presbytery and circulating the same among church members. We are now asked — Will this Presbytery do the same? The statistical report of our Presbytery consists of three pages in the Minutes of the General Assembly. The cost of printing 1,000 copies will be $4.75; 2,000 copies, $6.75; 3,000 copies, $8.75; 4,000 copies, $10.75; 5,000 copies, $12.75. It is suggested that perhaps 3,000 families will cover the whole number of families in all our churches of this Presbytery. We think that it will be a great step to place in each family in our churches one of these leaflets containing this statistical information of the work of the churches of our Presbytery.

We recommend that the Stated Clerk be directed to ascertain from the pastor or clerk of session of each church the number of families of the several churches, and that he procure through the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly a sufficient number of copies of the statistical report of this Presbytery for the last year, and distribute the same to the pastors or clerks of Session of the several churches, to be distributed to the families of the churches, and that the Treasurer of Presbytery pay therefor not exceeding $10.75.

Elders Ralph E. Prime, Sanford R. Knapp, and Theodore Gilman, and Rev. Messrs. David Laughlin and Henry A. Davenport were appointed the special committee called for in the above report, to which the papers on dedication were referred.

The Committee on Systematic Beneficence presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Another year of financial stringency has passed, putting to severe test the beneficence of our church. Many of our members have been extremely straightened in their circumstances. At the same time that the incomes of the givers have been reduced, unusual demands have been made upon them from many directions. Increased liberality has been demanded for the relief of the poor in our respective neighborhoods. The consideration of such facts has made us solicitous about the receipts of the Boards as well as the maintenance of the work of our churches.

What information we can gather from the Minutes of the General Assembly would seem to indicate that our members have generously responded to these increased demands upon them, and would demonstrate the fact that Christians retrench last of all, and not as is sometimes slanderously charged, first of all, in their contributions to religious objects.

The amount contributed within our Presbytery for all purposes was $204,622, an increase of nearly $17,000 over the previous year. The sum contributed for benevolent objects, however, was only $40,333, being more than $5,000 less than the preceding year. Of this

amount, $10,521 is put under the column for miscellaneous objects; while of the remaining $29,811, put under the head of the different Boards, $6,335 failed to reach their treasuries; so that our Boards received less than two-thirds of the amount contributed to benevolent objects. Fall Stated Meeting, Oct. 2, 1894.

In the mean time the number of communicants has increased, giving us the following percentages for the year: The average amount given by each communicant for all purposes was $26.40 as against $25.03 the previous year, being a decided and gratifying increase, when we consider the business depression of the year. But for benevolent objects, the average has fallen to $5.20 per member, while it was $6 the year before.

Out of our 39 churches 21 contributed to all the Boards, 5 contributed to all but one, while the remaining 13 failed to contribute to two or more of the Boards. These figures show no material change in this direction over recent years.

We find that our contributions to benevolent objects have fallen off in about the same proportion as was the case throughout the church at large, nearly 8 per cent. And while we think the fact that the decrease is no more shows comparatively conscientious giving on part of many, still this decrease has very seriously crippled many of our Boards. The vast interests committed to these Boards must be cared for, for the honor of the church and, in some cases, for the very maintenance of the missionaries to whom we are bound by so many obligations, not to speak of the urgent necessity for meeting the opportunities for enlarged work which God's providence is so richly offering to us.

Something must be done to meet the emergency which faces the church. The delinquent churches should be made to feel their obligation to give their people at least the opportunity to contribute to all the Boards of the church, if they desire, and a larger proportion of the money, which is contributed to benevolent objects, should find its way into the treasury of the Boards for whose support they are responsible.

As an incentive to more systematic and liberal giving the standing committee on this subject in the General Assembly has, for a few years, requested that your committee should apportion among the churches the amounts they should give to the Boards, taking as a basis the valuation of their church property. The valuation of the church property of our Presbytery, according to the census of 1890, was $1,173,100. At the proportion suggested, 3 per cent., our own Presbytery should contribute to the Boards $35,193, while in fact it gave only about $23,476. While there are only 9 Presbyteries in our church with a larger valuation of church property than our own, the name of Westchester is not found in the list of 33 Presbyteries, which gave more than the estimated 3 per cent.

In the judgment of your committee a truer basis of calculation would be found in the amount contributed for congregational expenses, as this may be supposed to vary each year somewhat in proportion to the ability of the congregation, while the value of the property may remain for long periods unchanged; 20 per cent. on this basis would, last year, have reached the same results and put $2,000,000 into the treasuries of the Boards from the churches In our own Presbytery the amount would have been one-third more than was actually contributed. This proportion indicated would be about 8½ cents per week for each member. Is it too much to ask that our members do better than this, and give 10 cents each week to the Boards of our church, being a little more than one cent a week to each one of the Boards, and then let them give what they can beyond

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this to the outside agencies, which, however worthy, can have but secondary claims upon us? This proportion, ten cents a week per member, would give our Boards over $40,000 instead of less than $24,000, which they actually received.

We would make the following recommendations:

1. That all our Sessions be most earnestly requested to give their congregations, during the present year, an opportunity to contribute to all the Boards of our church, that we may have an offering for each Board from each church.

2. That inasmuch as more than one-third of the whole amount reported as given to benevolent objects by our churches and Sunday-schools is given to objects other than the authorized agencies of our church, while the work of our own Boards are sadly suffering from inadequate receipts, we do again urge our Sessions to take measures to reduce this disparity by securing larger offerings for our Boards.

3. That we suggest to our Sessions that a minimum percentage of 10 cents per week by each member of the church for the Boards of the church is needed to meet their growing wants, and to reach the sum recommended by our Assembly.

4. That we heartily commend the *Assembly Herald;* and, inasmuch as it can be sent to individual addresses for 10 cents a year, we heartily recommend to our Sessions that they take measures for placing a copy in each family of their congregations.

The Committee on Presbyterial Visitation presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Your Committee gather from the records the following facts:

Printed copies of the scheme of visitation were mailed to all the churches early last autumn. A courteous acknowledgment was received from some, and 8 others expressed their desire to be visited. Arrangements were eventually made with 6, but only 5 visitations actually occurred.

The Day of Prayer was observed in the Greenburgh Church in November, the sessions commencing with a sermon and concluding with the Lord's Supper. The attendance was large, and interesting messages were read from several who could not be present.

The following general remarks seem to be well founded:

The fact that a given church does not seek this visitation is no gauge of its interest in the scheme. Conditions among 39 churches so diversely located are quite variant. It is simply deemed impracticable for them.

Results of visitations are by no means uniform. In some instances the churches are so responsive, ripe as it were, that blessing is immediately apparent. In others disappointment ensues, although the presence and ministry of the committee are much enjoyed. Some ministers, good, capable, beloved as they are, feel themselves that they have no specific qualification for so specific a service, and some seem to miss the force of Presbytery's behest, which lies under it all, and so excuse themselves too readily. As for the elders, it is not easy for them to forego two or three days of business.

A year's brief experience leads your committee to make the following representation:

The general estimate of the work of Presbytery's visitation will accord with the general conception of its purpose. Some of the most gracious revivals are associated with it in our churches; yet if the dominant expectation is that of provoking a revival abruptly, a shower out of a cloudless sky, doubtless as a rule the system is doomed. But

it is an agency, we think, that has many bearings. Going in Presbytery's name, presenting its greetings, testifying its carefulness, the committee may do much to strengthen the hold of Presbytery upon its ecclesiastical wards and increase the efficiency of its paternal oversight. Among churches scattered over as wide an area as ours, some of them overshadowed by differing and even unfriendly denominations, this visitation is a bond of sympathy that is peculiarly welcome and reassuring; as one brother phrases it, "it is good for Presbyterianism." Fall Stated Meeting, Oct. 2, 1894.

It has no mean office in promoting personal acquaintance and church comity. How many of us ministers know the 175 elders of Presbytery, or have any familiarity with the individual genius of the churches for whom we legislate in this body? Then, in many cases, whatever its effect upon the churches directly, its influence with the pastor has been magnetic and tonic. As another brother avers, "The omission of that visitation would have been a distinct loss to me"; and thus if the pastor is re-enforced, blessing surely comes to the church indirectly. And members of the committee testify that even when the mission to others seemed vain, they were nevertheless enriched themselves by their benevolent endeavor.

It is just to say that many times the plan is but poorly worked. One committeeman, suddenly saddled with the responsibilities of three, faces a disappointed congregation, seeks to cover their embarrassment and his own while not compromising the absent brethren, and then, forsooth, the dead are not raised, the Laodicean giant is not slain, and visitation is a failure.

The committee's mission is not only to preach, but to counsel and encourage. Rightly has another said that the conference of the committee and the session is the objective point of visitation. In the secret of this presence the status of the church is canvassed; matters of solicitude are prayerfully considered; methods discussed; the hearts of the church's burden-bearers are relieved; the sky brightens; the whole mechanism of the church lubricated.

Let it be kindly observed that this special work of visitation can be expected to issue in special blessing only through special application on part of the committee. The preaching of an ordinary sermon (a little withered from its first state) will not do any more execution under the auspices of a visitation committee than in the usual pastoral sphere. Even so! Every sermon is not impotent which evokes no applause. But a concentrated triple-Gospel extract, specialized for occasion, fortified by concurrent testimonies of the committee, watered with prayers of the believing congregation, endorsed by the pastoral amen — why! to doubt this is to doubt God.

A bugbear in the date of the visitation should be banished. The Lord is not always confined to the evenings of clear moonshine, or to the seasons of hard roads, nor to Week-of-Prayer halos. Break the neck of the January fetich; acknowledge that God's opportunity is a big now that may be found at any of the 365 points of the year-scale. Consider that the time for special effort is not only when the spring-like glow appears in the church life, but may be in the season of an autumn's leaden dullness. Consulting our convenience or feelings may be the forfeiture of God's "acceptable year." When we reflect on the possibilities of this work, rightly done, even the weakest church can well afford the trifling expense of a visitation for brightening the lights and tautening the ropes on their church-deck — yes, even in these times.

We rejoice greatly in the unprecedented fruitage of our Presbyterian vineyard during the past year. Nearly 75,000 were added on confession of faith, more converts in a year than the Unitarian membership of a century. Has not God's disciplining hand in the hard times, so

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heavy on the shoulders of the church, sobered it down to a more just comparison of temporal and eternal things? The winter before us will drive multitudes of famished people to us for help, and we need double unction that we may salt our human charities with the divine charity.

We can sympathize with those whose hands are full and backs bent and hearts bursting in these electric days. But the church is more than any of the churches. There may be also something recuperative for the committee, something gratifying to their own church in the extras of a work undertaken for some one else.

If, for argument, we allow that some ministers may reasonably excuse themselves from this particular ministration, if it be true that churches make repeated calls for the same ones, why is it necessary to hamper the wider work by insisting on an equal division of labor in its committees? If there be one or two or three who seem to have a visitation unction, why not recognize it? Let all the churches of Presbytery combine to provide for his pulpit and set him free betimes to scatter showers of blessings on the dry places?

And while we do not move to change the rule, perhaps if it were understood that a small church could invite as a committee one or two, without disloyalty to Presbytery, it might enlarge the usefulness of the scheme as a whole.

The Day of Prayer makes its own appeal to the spiritual instinct of Presbytery. It has thrown about us a hallowing spell. We love it. We feel its power long afterward. It is a transfiguring occasion. From it we go down with new capacity and great courage to grapple the demon evils of our regular day-work.

Our next meeting will be by invitation at New Rochelle on the stated day, Tuesday, November 13. It will be carefully arranged for. We are grateful for the suggestions received and invite others. Let us make this our autumn Mecca, and bring to it our best ointment.

On motion it was directed that the reports of committees on Systematic Beneficence and Presbyterial Visitation be printed in full in the Minutes, and that the sessions consider these reports in open meeting.

The Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension reported, recommending that the Treasurer of the Trustees of Presbytery be requested to pay the July, 1894, and January, 1895, interest from the Adams Fund to the Pound Ridge church for their pastor, to supplement the grant made by the Board of Home Missions. Adopted.

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly reported, calling attention to matters of interest to Presbytery. The report was accepted, and is as follows:

Your Committee call the attention of Presbytery to the following instructions and recommendations of the General Assembly:

1. Home Missions, Resolutions 4, 8, 9, 11, 12, and 13, pages 137–9. Minutes of General Assembly.

2. Foreign Missions, Resolutions 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, pages 75 and 76.

3. Publication and Sabbath-school Work, pages 81 and 82.
4. Church Erection, Resolutions 2 and 6, pages 117 and 118.
5. Aid for Colleges, Resolution 7, page 86.
6. Freedmen, Resolution 6, page 43.
7. Systematic Beneficence, pages 146–8 and 862.
8. Education, Resolutions 6–8, p. 123.
9. General Assembly's answer to overture relative to Board of Education, pages 125 and 126.
10. Overture to Presbyteries relative to a proposed new chapter to Book of Discipline, pages 163 and 164.
11. Report of canvass of votes on Judicial Commissions, pages 174–6.
12. A deliverance concerning copies of Minutes of General Assembly furnished to Presbyteries, page 181.

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The Committee on Ministerial Relief presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is follows:

The persons previously under the care of the Board of Relief from this Presbytery have been continued under its care during the past year, and only these.

The committee to revise standing committees (p. 383), presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

I. EXAMINATION.

1. Religious Experience and Views in Seeking the Ministry.
The Moderator.

2. Standing Committee.

Ministers. — J. Ritchie Smith, Alexander Miller, Robert P. Gibson, Irving E. White, Charles S. Lane, George R. Cutting.
Elders. — Edward Wells, William McD. Halsey, Samuel H. Wilson.
This committee will elect its own chairman, and appoint its own sub-committees.

II. WORK OF THE CHURCH.

1. Home Missions and Church Extension.

Ministers. — John Reid, Richard P. H. Vail, Wilson Phraner, James A. McWilliams, Harris Ely Adriance.
Elders. — Williams H. Parsons, David F. Hollister, Thomas G. Ritch, Charles R. Otis.

2. Foreign Missions.

Ministers. — J. Ritchie Smith, Manfred P. Welcher, Frank F. Blessing.
Elders. — Stanton Cady, Theodore Gilman.

3. Education.

Ministers. — Charles S. Lane, George R. Cutting, Frederick A. M. Brown.
Elders. — Henry Parsons, David I. Carson.

4. Publication and Sabbath-School Work.

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Ministers. — Charles E. Allison, Adrian V. S. Wallace, John A. Ingham.
Elders. — William Mabie, George W. Banks.

5. Church Erection.

Ministers. — David Laughlin, Henry R. White.
Elder. — Albert Chamberlain.

6. Ministerial Relief.

Minister. — Thornton M. Niven.
Elders. — Henry M. Lester, Joseph Barrett, Robert L. Wilde, Henry White, Alexander O. Kirkwood.

7. Freedmen.

Ministers. — John H. Trussell, Oliver S. Dean.
Elder. — Orson W. Sloat.

8. Aid for Colleges and Academies.

Ministers. — John T. Wills, Lewis H. Reid.
Elder. — Benjamin Weed.

9. Temperance.

Elders. — Ralph E. Prime, Sanford R. Knapp.
Minister. — Robert R. White.

10. Systematic Beneficence.

Rev. William B. Waller and chairmen of committees 1-9.

11. Presbyterial Visitation.

Ministers. — Henry A. Davenport, George R. Cutting.
Elder. — Francis W. Marsh.

12. Young People's Societies.

Ministers. — Arthur Requa, Joseph F. Folsom, William Watson Breckenridge.
Elders. — Clarence L. Reid, R. Melville Keys.

On motion, the following preamble and resolution were adopted:

Whereas, It is a matter of common remark that a larger proportion of the contributions of the churches for benevolent work is used in the expenses of administration than is profitable, wise, or necessary,
Resolved, That a special committee of three be appointed to examine and report to the Presbytery the facts, and whether greater economy in administration can be obtained, and, if so, to prepare and report to Presbytery a suitable overture or memorial to the General Assembly.

The committee called for in the above resolution was appointed as follows:

Ministers. — Charles S. Lane, David Laughlin.
Elder. — Ralph E. Prime.

The Stated Clerk was directed to give a letter of dismission to Rev. Thomas J. Evans to the Presbytery of Brooklyn. Fall Stated Meeting, Oct. 2, 1894.

The Trustees of Presbytery through their Secretary made the following report, which was accepted, and is as follows:

In response to the call of Presbytery for information as to the affairs of the late church at Somers, N. Y., the Trustees would respectfully report:

That the church was dissolved some years since, and its property and temporalities came under the control of Presbytery, or its Trustees. The property consisted of two parcels, a parsonage lot in the village of Somers, and the church in the same place, which has since been used for holding religious meetings, it being the only convenient place for such purposes in that neighborhood.

The Trustees intended to make a full report at this meeting of Presbytery and to make such recommendation as to the management or disposition of the property as the interests of Presbytery should seem to call for. But on searching for the papers relating to the title of the church property and the proceedings for the dissolving of the church they were not found, and seem to have been mislaid, and we are not prepared to make a full report at this time. A more careful investigation will no doubt bring them to light, and, if not, we will make search in the county and court records and among the surviving trustees and members of that church and congregation; and we will be prepared to make a full report at the next stated meeting of Presbytery, to which time we pray Presbytery to postpone the matter.

A recess was then taken until 7.45 P. M.

Closed with prayer.

Tuesday, 7.45 P. M.

Presbytery reassembled.

After devotional exercises an impressive and inspiring address was delivered by Rev. Arthur T. Pierson on The Crisis of Missions.

Presbytery then resumed business.

The Committee on Young People's Societies presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

In each of the following churches there is a Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor: Greenburgh, Westminster, Katonah, Mt. Vernon, Thompsonville, South Salem, White Plains, Dayspring, Croton Falls, New Rochelle, Paterson, Bridgeport, Peekskill 2d, Yonkers 1st, Sing Sing, Pleasantville, Yorktown, Peekskill 1st, Pound Ridge, New Haven 1st, Irvington, Westchester, Stamford 1st,

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Mt. Kisco, Darien, and Bedford. In Hartford and Rye churches there are young people's societies similar to Christian Endeavor. In the New Rochelle 2d, Huguenot Memorial, South East, Mahopac Falls, Hastings, and Scarborough churches there are none of any kind. The remaining churches of Presbytery have not been heard from.

The total number of members reported is 1,634. Of these 1,282 are active members, and 302 associate. In a very few instances there are more associate members than active. But usually the active membership far outnumbers the associate.

During the last six months 49 have been transferred to active membership, while during the last year at least 238 new members have been received into the societies.

Though many indefinite answers were given to the question "How many conversions?" at least 66 are reported. As to the principle of "loyalty to the local church" with very few exceptions it seems to be acted upon by the young people. Moreover, many of them appear to be in the habit of taking part in the mid-week service. It is encouraging to note the fact that in so many instances there is growth in this respect.

Much attention is evidently being paid to the matter of systematic giving, though there are a few exceptions. It is encouraging to see how much interest is being manifested by the young people in missionary enterprise. Some societies contribute chiefly to Home Missions, others to Foreign Missions, while still others to both of the Boards. Scholars in mission schools are supported, the salaries of missionaries in part, at least, are pledged.

As to Temperance, some societies report "no special interest." In a few instances a large proportion of the members have signed the temperance pledge. Evidently many of our societies need to do a little more thinking about temperance.

In answer to the questions concerning the work of winning souls, we have received a few replies, which are decidedly negative in character, a larger number are somewhat indefinite in tone, and twelve which are very encouraging.

So far as we know there are only seven Junior Societies in our Presbytery, and these are generally spoken of as being in a flourishing condition.

In conclusion your committee begs leave to present two recommendations:

1. That during this fall or the coming winter a conference be held similar to that which was held in the Westminster Church, Yonkers, N. Y., in case the way be clear for such a meeting.

2. That the attention of our Young People's Societies be called to the Board's plan of grouping societies in the interest of missionary work on the foreign field, an effort be made to group them, so far as it may seem advisable in harmony with that plan.

Moderators of Sessions of vacant churches were appointed as follows:

Rev. Robert P. Gibson, North Salem.
Rev. Richard B. Mattice, Throggs Neck.
Rev. John T. Wills, Port Chester.
Rev. William Watson Breckinridge, Hartford.
Rev. Oliver S. Dean, Paterson.
Rev. John Reid, Hastings 1st.
Rev. William Life, Rye.

The Sessions of these churches were authorized to supply their pulpits until the next stated meeting of Presbytery. Fall Stated Meeting, Oct. 2, 1894.

The Stated Clerk presented the requests to be excused for absence from the following, and, on motion they were excused:

Ministers. — Chauncey D. Rice, R. Randall Hoes, J. Ritchie Smith, Wilson Phraner, Andrew B. Morse, William G. Jenkins, James H. Hoyt, Lewis H. Reid, Francis E. Smith, Theodore S. Pond, Marcellus Bowen, William K. Eddy.

The Committee on Leave of Absence presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Your committee have granted leave of absence to the following:

Ministers. — John A. Ingham, Charles E. Lindsley, William Watson Breckenridge, Franklin F. Blessing, Frederick A. M. Brown, John Reid, James A. McWilliams, William B. Waller, Oliver S. Dean, Joseph F. Folsom.

Elders. — Henry Miller, Henry M. Lester, Francis A. See, Joseph Conklin, Jerome Owens, John Johnston, Ralph E. Prime.

The Stated Clerk was directed to extend the cordial thanks of Presbytery to Rev. Arthur Pierson for his address.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Stamford Church for their abundant hospitality was adopted.

The roll was called and the following were found to have withdrawn without leave:

Ministers. — David Murdoch, Irving E. White, Harris Ely Adriance, Henry R. White.

Elders. — Elijah C. Sniffin, Jacob R. Decatur, Joseph Banks, Robert E. Wilcox, Albert Williamson.

The minutes of to-day's sessions were read and approved.

The Presbytery then adjourned to meet in New York City, Tuesday, January 15, 1895.

Closed with prayer.

W. J. CUMMING,
Stated Clerk.

J. H. EASTMAN,
Permanent Clerk.

OFFICERS OF PRESBYTERY.

Moderator — Rev. Oliver S. Dean, Patterson, N. Y. *Stated Clerk and Treasurer* — Rev. William J. Cumming, Yorktown, N. Y. *Permanent Clerk* — Rev. John H. Eastman, Katonah, N. Y. *Temporary Clerks* — Elder Ralph E. Prime, Yonkers, N. Y.; and Rev. Joseph F. Folsom, Pound Ridge, N. Y.

TRUSTEES.

Ministers — Rollin A. Sawyer, Richard P. H. Vail, Thornton M. Niven, William B. Waller.

Elders — Edward Wells (*Clerk*, *Peekskill*, *N. Y.*), Uriah Hill, William H. Parsons, Thomas G. Ritch (*Treasurer*, *Stamford*, *Conn.*), Benjamin Weed.

ROLL OF MINISTERS.

October, 1894.

	Names.	*P. O. Addresses.*
1.	Adriance, Harris Ely	Pelham Manor, N. Y.
2.	Allen, Edward B.	Brewster, N. Y.
3.	Allison, Charles E.	Yonkers, N. Y.
4.	Baird, Henry M.	Yonkers, N. Y.
5.	Blessing, Frank F.	Scarborough, N. Y.
6.	Bowen, Marcellus	Constantinople, Turkey.
7.	Breckenridge, William Watson	Hartford, Conn.
8.	Brown, Christopher	52 Tichenor St., Newark, N. J.
9.	Brown, Frederick A. M.	35 Hour St., New Haven, Conn.
10.	Cronmiller, Bruce Wallace	Carmel, N. Y.
11.	Cumming, William J.	Yorktown, N. Y.
12.	Cutting, George R.	Yonkers, N. Y.
13.	Davenport, Henry A.	296 Myrtle Ave., Bridgeport, Conn.
14.	Davidson, William Watts	Westchester, Conn.
15.	Dean, Oliver S.	Patterson, N. Y.
16.	Dexter, William Hart	497 Yale St., Springfield, Mass.
17.	Eastman, John H.	Katonah, N. Y.
18.	Eddy, William K.	Sidon, Syria.
19.	Folsom, Joseph F.	Pound Ridge, N Y.
20.	Gibson, Robert P.	Croton Falls, N. Y.
21.	Hoes, R. Randall	U. S. Naval Home, Philadelphia, Pa.
22.	Holbrook, David A.	Sing Sing, N. Y.
23.	Hoyt, James H.	New Canaan, Conn.
24.	Ingham, John A.	Irvington, N. Y.
25.	Jenkins, William G.	Deaf and Dumb Inst., Hartford, Conn.
26.	Kendall, John Ludlow	New Haven, Conn.
27.	Lane, Charles S.	Mt. Vernon, N. Y.
28.	Laughlin, David	Mt. Kisco, N. Y.
29.	Life, William	Rye, N. Y.
30.	Lindsley, Charles E.	New Rochelle, N. Y.
31.	Macoubrey, Anthony R.	White Plains, N. Y.
32.	Mattice, Richard B.	Westchester, N. Y.
33.	McWilliams, James A.	Sing Sing, N. Y.
34.	Miller, Alexander	Mahopac Falls, N. Y.
35.	Morse, Andrew B.	20 Pearl St., New Haven, Conn.
36.	Murdoch, David	Peekskill, N. Y.
37.	Newcomb, Homer S.	Patterson, N. Y.
38.	Niven, Thornton M.	Dobbs Ferry, N. Y.
39.	Penman, John S.	Yonkers, N. Y.
40.	Perry, Talmon C.	La Prairie, Quebec.
41.	Phraner, Wilson	Sing Sing, N. Y.
42.	Pond, Theodore S.	Barranquilla, Rep. of Colombo, S. A.
43.	Reid, John	Yonkers, N. Y.
44.	Reid, Lewis H.	29 Atwood St., Hartford, Conn.
45.	Requa, Arthur	Noroton, Conn.
46.	Rice, Chauncey D.	184 Macon St., Brooklyn, N. Y.
47.	Richie, William N.	Asbury Park, N. J.
48	Sawyer, Rollin A.	Montclair, N. J.
49.	Schenck, Elias S.	Perth Amboy, N. J.
50.	Smith, Francis E.	New Rochelle, N. Y.
51.	Smith, J. Ritchie	Peekskill, N. Y.
52.	Trussell, John H.	Brewster, N. Y.
53.	Upson, Charles E.	Milford, Conn.

	Names.	*P. O. Addresses.*
October, 1894. 54.	Vail, Richard P. H.	Stamford, Conn.
55.	Van Norden, Theodore L.	South Salem, N. Y.
56.	Wallace, Adrian V. S.	Thompsonville, Conn.
57.	Waller, William B.	New Rochelle, N. Y.
58.	Welcher, Manfred P.	Peekskill, N. Y.
59.	White, Henry R.	Pleasantville Station, N. Y.
60.	White, Irving E.	Peekskill, N. Y.
61.	White, Robert R.	Bedford, N. Y.
62.	Wills, John T.	Greenwich, Conn.

In transitu.

1.	Cornwell, George	Chefoo, China.
2.	Evans, Thomas J.	54 Lee Ave,, Brooklyn, N. Y.
3.	Labaree, Benjamin W.	Oroomiah, Persia.

ROLL OF RULING ELDERS.

	Churches. *Names.*	*P. O. Addresses.*
1.	Bedford.	
	Clark, John Green	Bedford, N. Y.
	Owen, St. John	Bedford, N. Y.
	Travis, David	Bedford, N. Y.
	Trowbridge, James H.	Bedford, N. Y.
	Williamson, Albert (*Clerk*)	Bedford, N. Y.
2.	Bridgeport First.	
	Bullard, Edward P.	Bridgeport, Conn.
	Christie, George E.	Bridgeport, Conn.
	Hollister, David F.	Bridgeport, Conn.
	Kerr, Malcolm T.	Bridgeport, Conn.
	Keys, R. Melville	Bridgeport, Conn.
	Marsh, Francis W. (*Clerk*)	Bridgeport, Conn.
3.	*Croton Falls.	
	Abrams, George W.	Croton Falls, N. Y.
	Chamberlain, Albert	Croton Falls, N. Y.
	Moses, Jabez H.	Croton Falls, N. Y.
	(Rev. Robert P. Gibson *Clerk.*)	
4.	Darien.	
	Bishop, Sands S.	Noroton Heights, Conn.
	Jones, James C.	Noroton Heights, Conn.
	Shaw, James A.	Noroton, Conn.
	Weed, Benj. (*Clerk*)	Noroton, Conn.
5.	*Gilead.	
	Cornish, Samuel G.	Carmel, N. Y.
	Foster, William H. (*Clerk*)	Carmel, N. Y.
	Reed, George E.	Carmel, N. Y.
6.	Greenburgh.	
	Conklin, Joseph	Dobbs Ferry, N. Y.
	Wheeler, Jacob T.	Hastings-on-Hudson, N. Y.
	Wilde, Robert L. (*Clerk*)	Dobbs Ferry, N. Y.
7.	Greenwich First.	
	Cristy, Edward B.	Greenwich, Conn.
	Knapp, Edwin A. (*Clerk*)	Greenwich, Conn.
	Rennie, George T.	Greenwich, Conn.
	Watterbury, Walter S.	Greenwich, Conn.

Churches.	*Names.*	*P. O. Addresses.*
		October, 1894.
8. Hartford.		
	Johnston, John (*Clerk*)	10 Affleck St., Hartford, Conn.
	Stockwell, William H.	Canton, Conn.
	Watson, Alexander	40 Buckingham St., Hartford, Conn.
	Westwood, Frederick R.	2 East St., Hartford, Conn.
9. Hastings First.		
	Nelson, Irving F. (*Clerk*)	Hastings-on-Hudson, N. Y.
	Reid, Perrine	Hastings-on-Hudson, N. Y.
10. Huguenot Memorial.		
	Carson, David I. (*Clerk*)	Pelham Manor, N. Y.
	Dey, John H.	Pelham Manor, N. Y.
	Johnston, Nathan	Pelham Manor, N. Y.
11. Irvington.		
	Burnham, W. Addison	Irvington, N. Y.
	Terry, John T.	Irvington, N. Y.
	(Rev. John A. Ingham, *Clerk.*)	
12. Katonah.		
	Barrett, Joseph	Katonah, N. Y.
	Chapman, J. Francis, M.D. (*Clerk*)	Katonah, N. Y.
13. Mahopac Falls.		
	Card, Edson, M.D.	Lake Mahopac, N. Y.
	Dusenberry, C. Coles	Lake Mahopac, N. Y.
	Kennard, James F.	Baldwin Place, N. Y.
	Lounsbury, Robert W.	Tompkins Corners, N. Y.
	Wright, Irving	Mahopac Falls, N. Y.
	(Rev. Alexander Miller, *Clerk.*)	
14. Mt. Kisco.		
	Banks, George W.	Mt. Kisco, N. Y.
	Banks, Joseph	Mt. Kisco, N. Y.
	Crane, Joseph H.	Mt. Kisco, N. Y.
	Horton, Frank N.	Mt. Kisco, N. Y.
	Platt, Ebenezer G.	Mt. Kisco, N. Y.
	Smith, David	Mt. Kisco, N. Y.
	(Rev. David Laughlin, *Clerk.*)	
15. Mt. Vernon First.		
	Blakeman, A. Noel (*Clerk*)	160 S. 9th Ave., Mt. Vernon, N. Y.
	Carlyle, Hugh	119 Cottage Ave., Mt. Vernon, N. Y.
	Doolittle, Judson A.	106 Valentine St., Mt. Vernon, N. Y.
	Halsey, William McD.	40 S. 5th Ave., Mt. Vernon, N. Y.
	Irwin, John	144 S. 1st Ave., Mt. Vernon, N. Y.
	Wilcox, Ransom E.	44 N. 9th Ave., Mt. Vernon, N. Y.
16. *New Haven First.		
	Bartlett, Andrew M.	New Haven, Conn.
	Corwin, Charles E.	New Haven, Conn.
	Owens, Jerome	New Haven, Conn.
	Petrie, George (*Clerk*)	New Haven, Conn.

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	17. New Rochelle.		
		Lester, Henry M.	New Rochelle, N. Y.
		Myers, James	New Rochelle, N. Y.
		Myers, John K. (*Clerk*)	New Rochelle, N. Y.
		Offord, John A.	New Rochelle, N. Y.
		Renond, David E.	New Rochelle, N. Y.
		Ross, John G.	New Rochelle, N. Y.
	18. New Rochelle Second.		
		Brown, Joseph T.	Rochelle Park, New Rochelle, N. Y.
		Elliott, Walter M.	Rochelle Park, New Rochelle, N. Y.
		Harvey, Charles E.	Huguenot Park, New Rochelle, N. Y.
		Parker, Horace J.	Rochelle Park, New Rochelle, N. Y.
	19. North Salem.		
		Benedict, G. Charles (*Clerk*)	Salem Centre, N. Y.
		Eggleston, James O.	Salem Centre, N. Y.
	20. Patterson.		
		Gerow, James C.	Patterson, N. Y.
		Merritt, James A. (*Clerk*)	Patterson, N. Y.
		Sloat, Orson W.	Patterson, N. Y.
	21. Peekskill First.		
		Hill, Uriah Jr.	Peekskill, N. Y.
		Knapp, Sanford R. (*Clerk*)	Peekskill, N. Y.
		Mabie, William	Peekskill, N. Y.
		Pugsley, Cornelius A.	Peekskill, N. Y.
		Wells, Edward	Peekskill, N. Y.
	22. Peekskill Second.		
		Clinton, Morris E.	Peekskill, N. Y.
		Decatur, Jacob R.	Peekskill, N. Y.
		Frost, Milton (*Clerk*)	Peekskill, N. Y.
		Knight, Charles C., M.D.	Peekskill, N. Y.
		McDonald, Joseph H.	Peekskill, N. Y.
	23. Pleasantville.		
		Brown, Willet	Pleasantville Station, N. Y.
		Carpenter, Benjamin	Pleasantville Station, N. Y.
		Moore, Benjamin (*Clerk*)	Pleasantville Station, N. Y.
		Nelson, David	Pleasantville Station, N. Y.
	24. Portchester.		
		Miller, John (*Clerk*)	Portchester, N. Y.
		Scofield, William H.	Portchester, N. Y.
	25. Pound Ridge.		
		Miller, Henry	Pound Ridge, N. Y.
		Rockwell, John C.	Pound Ridge, N. Y.
		Scofield, Albert B.	Pound Ridge, N. Y.
		Scofield, Edwin T.	Pound Ridge, N. Y.
		(Rev. Joseph F. Folsom, *Clerk.*)	
	26. * Rye.		
		Cragin, George D.	Rye, N. Y.
		Parsons, Henry	Rye, N. Y.
		Parsons, William H.	Rye, N. Y.
		Whittemore, Edward P. (*Clerk*)	Rye, N. Y.
	27. Scarborough.		
		Lee, Francis Asbury (*Clerk*)	Scarborough, N. Y

Churches.	*Names.*	*P. O. Addresses.*
28. Sing Sing.		October, 1894.
	Brown, Theodore F.	Sing Sing, N. Y.
	Cady, Stanton (*Clerk*)	Sing Sing, N. Y.
	Cumming, Horace U.	Sing Sing, N. Y.
	Holbrook, Henry C.	Sing Sing, N. Y.
	Lockwood, Rodney S.	Sing Sing, N. Y.
	Miller, John F.	Sing Sing, N. Y.
	Provost, Daniel E	Sing Sing, N. Y.
	Truesdell, John P.	Sing Sing, N. Y.
	Young, Frank L.	Sing Sing, N. Y.
29. South East.		
	Johnson, Walter C.	Brewster, N. Y.
	Lawrence, Thomas S. (*Clerk*	Brewster, N. Y.
30. South East Centre.		
	Cole, George	Brewster, N. Y.
	Everett, Benjamin D.	Brewster, N. Y.
	Lobdell, Alexander F.	Brewster, N. Y.
	Paddock, Warren S. (*Clerk*)	Brewster, N. Y
	Parker, George G.	Brewster, N. Y.
31. South Salem.		
	Bouton, John F.	South Salem, N. Y.
	Gilbert, Thomas	South Salem, N. Y.
	Hull, George E. (*Clerk*)	South Salem, N. Y.
	St. John, Henry L.	South Salem, N. Y.
	Webster, Joseph A.	South Salem, N. Y.
32. Stamford First.		
	Regent, Louis S.	Stamford, Conn.
	Dolsen, Charles B.	Stamford, Conn.
	Hobby, Moses M.	Stamford, Conn.
	Pierson, Samuel, M.D.	Stamford, Conn.
	Reid, Clarence L.	Stamford, Conn.
	Ritch, Thomas G. (*Clerk*)	Stamford, Conn.
	Soule, George H.	Stamford, Conn.
33. Thompsonville.		
	Brainard, David	Thompsonville, Conn.
	Brainard, Horace	Thompsonville, Conn.
	Morrison, James	Thompsonville, Conn.
	Parsons, Edward F., M.D. (*Clerk*)	Thompsonville, Conn.
	Parsons, Shubael	Thompsonville, Conn.
	Sloane, Andrew	Thompsonville, Conn
34. *Throggs Neck.		
	Barnecott, John F.	Westchester, N. Y.
	Randall, Charles H	Westchester, N. Y.
	(Rev. Richard B. Mattice, *Clerk.*)	
35. *White Plains.		
	Hart, Monmouth G	White Plains, N. Y.
	Kingsley, Orrin D., M.D.	White Plains, N. Y.
	Mitchell, Josiah S.	White Plains, N. Y.
	Slosson, Edwin A. (*Clerk*)	White Plains, N. Y.
	Snillin, Elijah C	White Plains, N. Y.
	Wilson, Samuel H.	White Plains, N. Y.

*The Stated Clerk was unable to secure a list of elders from these churches. Thos given were compiled from previous ones and the rolls of Presbytery.

	Churches.	*Names.*	*P. O. Addresses.*
October, 1894.	36.	Yonkers, Dayspring.	
		Cutbill, John H.	116 Oliver Avenue, Yonkers, N. Y.
		Hope, Thomas F.	134 Waverly Street, Yonkers, N. Y.
		Smith, William (*Clerk*)	137 Nepperhan Avenue, Yonkers, N. Y.
	37.	Yonkers, First.	
		Chamberlain, George A.	Yonkers, N. Y.
		Clark, Lucius E.	Yonkers, N. Y.
		Gilman, Theodore	Yonkers, N. Y.
		Prime, Ralph E. (*Clerk*)	Yonkers, N. Y.
	38.	Yonkers, Westminster.	
		Brown, H. Beattie, M.D.	129 Warburton Ave., Yonkers, N. Y.
		Brown, John H.	130 Ashburton Ave., Yonkers, N. Y.
		Kirkwood, Alexander O.	158 Ashburton Ave., Yonkers, N. Y.
		Machin, Arthur S.	67 Woodworth Ave., Yonkers, N. Y.
		McKim, William (*Clerk*)	117 Linden St., Yonkers, N. Y.
		McWilliam, James R.	155 Palisade Ave., Yonkers, N. Y.
		Odell, William L.	122 Warburton Ave., Yonkers, N. Y.
		Otis, Charles R.	88 Buena Vista Ave., Yonkers, N. Y.
	39.	Yorktown.	
		Knapp, Daniel H.	Shrub Oak, N. Y.
		Lee, Elijah	Yorktown, N. Y.
		Lee, Enos (*Clerk*)	Yorktown, N. Y.
		White, Henry	Yorktown, N. Y.

CARMEL, N. Y., November 22, 1894.

Special Meeting, Nov. 22, 1894.

The Presbytery of Westchester met in the Presbyterian Church, Carmel, N. Y., Thursday, November 22, 1894, at 1 P. M., pursuant to the following call:

PATTERSON, N. Y., November 6, 1894.

DEAR SIR:—At the request of two ministers and five elders representing three congregations, and in accordance with the requirements of Chapter X, section 10, Form of Government, I hereby call a special meeting to be held in the Presbyterian Church, Carmel, N. Y., Thursday, November 22, 1894, beginning at 1 P. M., for the purpose of taking action with reference to the dissolution of the pastoral relation existing between Rev. Bruce Wallace Cronmiller and the Gilead Church.

OLIVER S. DEAN, *Moderator.*

The Moderator, Rev. Oliver S. Dean, presided, and Presbytery was constituted with prayer.

The roll was called and the following found to be present:

Ministers.	*Churches.*	*Elders.*
Thornton M. Niven,	Greenburgh.	
Oliver S. Dean,	Patterson,	Orson W. Sloat.
Alexander Miller,	Mahopac Falls,	Edson Card, M.D.
Robert P. Gibson,	Croton Falls.	
John H. Eastman,	Katonah.	
William J. Cumming,	Yorktown.	
John H. Trussell,	S. E. Center.	
	Gilead,	William H. Foster.
	7	3
Total present,.....		10

The call was read and found in order.

A letter was read from Rev. Bruce Wallace Cronmiller requesting the dissolution of the pastoral relation existing between him and the Gilead Church.

On account of the absence of Mr. Cronmiller, it was resolved to defer the consideration of the business for which the meeting was called until an adjourned meeting to be held in the Presbyterian Church, Brewster, N. Y., Monday, December 3, 1894, beginning at 1 P. M.

It was resolved that the Rev. Bruce Wallace Cronmiller be cited by the Stated Clerk to appear in person at that meeting on the ground that he has given no reasons for the dissolution of the pastoral relation, and further has

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given no reasons for his absence from this meeting, specially called for the consideration of this business.

The Stated Clerk was directed to issue a printed notice of the adjourned meeting.

On motion, the Stated Clerk was directed to cite the congregation of the Gilead Church to appear by commissioners at the adjourned meeting.

The minutes were read and approved.

Presbytery then adjourned, to meet in the Presbyterian Church, Brewster, N. Y., Monday, December 3, 1894, at 1 P. M.

Closed with prayer and benediction.

W. J. CUMMING,
Stated Clerk.

J. H. EASTMAN,
Permanent Clerk.

BREWSTER, N. Y., December 3, 1894.

Adjourned Meeting, Dec. 3, 1894.

The Presbytery of Westchester met pursuant to adjournment in the Presbyterian Church, Brewster, N. Y., Monday, December 3, 1894, at 1 P. M.

The Moderator presided and constituted the Presbytery with prayer.

The roll was called and the following found to be present:

Ministers.	*Churches.*	*Elders.*
Oliver S. Dean,	Patterson.	
Alexander Miller,	Mahopac Falls.	
Robert P. Gibson,	Croton Falls,	Albert Chamberlain.
John H. Eastman,	Katonah.	
William J. Cumming,	Yorktown.	
John H. Trussell,	S. E. Center,	Warren S. Paddock.
Robert R White,	Bedford.	
Joseph D. Folsom,	Pound Ridge.	
	Gilead,	William H. Foster.
	North Salem,	G. Charles Benedict.
	8	4
Total present,.....		12

The Stated Clerk reported that the citation ordered by Presbytery to be sent to Rev. Bruce Wallace Cronmiller (p. 413) had been sent, and receipt acknowledged by him. The citation ordered for the congregation had been handed to one of the elders and service acknowledged.

A letter from Rev. Mr. Cronmiller was read, renewing his request for the dissolution of the pastoral relation, without giving reasons therefor.

On motion, the request was not considered, and the Stated Clerk was directed to cite Mr. Cronmiller to appear at the Intermediate Meeting to be held in New York City, Tuesday, January 15, 1895, to show cause, if any, why he should not be suspended from the ministry for contumacy, on account of his failure to be present at this meeting as cited and giving no adequate reasons for his absence.

A request from the congregation for the dissolution of the pastoral relation was then considered.

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The minutes of the congregational meeting were read appointing the elders of the church as commissioners to Presbytery to present the request.

These commissioners were then heard, giving as the reason for their request that Mr. Cronmiller had presented his resignation, asking that the pastoral relation terminate November 1, 1894.

The request was granted, to take effect at the time indicated.

Rev. Robert P. Gibson was appointed to preach in the Gilead Church, December 16, and declare the pulpit vacant.

Rev. Robert P. Gibson was appointed Moderator of the Session.

The church was granted leave to supply its pulpit until the Spring Stated Meeting of Presbytery, under the strict supervision of the Moderator of the Session.

The minutes were read and approved.

Presbytery then adjourned, to meet in New York City, Tuesday, January 15, 1895.

Closed with prayer.

W. J. CUMMING,
Stated Clerk.

J. H. EASTMAN,
Permanent Clerk.

New York City, January 15, 1895.

Intermediate Meeting, Jan. 15, 1895.

The Presbytery of Westchester met pursuant to appointment in the Managers' Room, Bible House, New York City, Tuesday, January 15, 1895, at 10.30 o'clock A. M., and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator, Rev. Oliver S. Dean.

The roll was called and the following found to be present:

Ministers.	*Churches.*	*Elders.*
Wilson Phraner.		
Rollin A. Sawyer.		
Thornton M. Niven,	Greenburgh.	
Oliver S. Dean,	Patterson.	
John T. Wills,	Greenwich 1st.	
Alexander Miller,	Mahopac Falls.	
Robert P. Gibson,	Croton Falls.	
	Yonkers 1st,	Ralph E. Prime.
	New Rochelle,	Henry M. Lester.
Willis W. Dowd.		
John H. Eastman,	Katonah.	
William N. Richie.		
J. Ritchie Smith,	Peekskill,	Sanford R. Knapp.
William J. Cumming,	Yorktown,	Henry White.
John H. Trussell,	S. E. Center.	
Irving E. White,	Peekskill 2d.	
Manfred P. Welcher.		
Charles S. Lane,	Mt. Vernon 1st,	William McD. Halsey.
James A. McWilliams,	Sing Sing.	
Arthur Requa,	Darien,	James C. Jones.
George R. Cutting,	Westminster,	James R. McWilliam.
Francis E. Smith,	New Rochelle 2d,	Charles E. Harvey.
Robert R. White,	Bedford.	
Joseph F. Folsom,	Pound Ridge.	
John A. Ingham,	Irvington,	John T. Terry.
Frank F. Blessing,	Scarborough,	Francis A. See.
George W. Knox,	Rye,	William H. Parsons.
	Gilead,	George E. Reed.
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Ministers absent. — Elias S. Schenck, Chauncey D. Rice, Charles E. Lindsley, David Murdoch, Lewis H. Reid, William Life, Talmon C. Perry, Andrew B. Morse, Anthony R. Macoubrey, Edward B. Allen, Frederick A. M. Brown, David A. Holbrook, Henry M. Baird, Homer S. Newcomb, Theodore S. Pond, Christopher R. Brown, Richard P. H. Vail, John Ludlow Kendall, Marcellus Bowen, John Reid, Henry A. Davenport, William B. Waller, R. Randall Hoes, Charles E. Upson, James H. Hoyt, William K. Eddy, Charles E. Allison, Richard B. Mattice, David Laughlin, Adrian V. S. Wallace, William Hart Dexter, John S. Penman, William Watts Davidson, Harris Ely Adriance, Henry R. White, Bruce Wallace Cronmiller, William G. Jenkins, Theodore L. Van Norden, William Watson Breckenridge. — 39.

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Churches not represented. — White Plains, South East, Greenburgh, New Haven 1st, Patterson, Greenwich 1st, Mahopac Falls, Stamford 1st, Croton Falls, Bridgeport 1st, Katonah, Dayspring, S. E. Center, Throggs Neck, Peekskill 2d, Mt. Kisco, Thompsonville, Sing Sing, Huguenot Memorial, Pleasantville, Bedford, Pound Ridge, South Salem, Hartford, North Salem, Hastings 1st, Portchester. — 27.

Excused for absence. — Chauncey D. Rice, William G. Jenkins, John Reid, Lewis H. Reid, Adrian V. S. Wallace, Henry R. White, Theodore S. Pond, Marcellus Bowen, William K. Eddy.

Corresponding members. — Rev. Washington Choate of the Fairfield West Association. Rev. Richard S. Holmes of the Presbytery of Pittsburgh. Rev. Alexander McLean of the Presbytery of New York.

A very hearty vote of thanks was extended to the American Bible Society for the use of the Managers' Room for this meeting.

Rev. Washington Choate of the Fairfield West Association of Congregational Churches was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Rev. Willis W. Dowd was received by letter of dismission from the Presbytery of Pueblo.

Rev. George W. Knox was received by letter of dismission from the Second Presbytery of Tokio, Japan.

The Stated Clerk was instructed to grant a letter of credence to Rev. John S. Penman to the Central Congregational Church, Bangor, Me., and, when received by that church, the Stated Clerk was instructed to drop his name from the roll of Presbytery according to the requirements of Book of Discipline, VII, 53.

Rev. William Hart Dexter was at his own request dismissed to the Presbytery of Boston.

A communication from the Chairman of the Synod's Committee on Synodical Aid was referred to the Special Committee on Synodical Aid (p. 375).

A communication from the Board of Home Missions was referred to the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension.

The Stated Clerk was, on motion, authorized to send the printed minutes directly to ministers and elders.

The Stated Clerk was authorized to issue a new edition of the Standing Rules of Presbytery brought down to date. Intermediate Meeting, Jan. 15, 1895.

The Presbyterial assessment of the Dayspring Church was reduced to $1.

The action of Presbytery appointing New York city as the place of the Spring Stated Meeting was reconsidered, and an invitation from the Mt. Vernon First Church was accepted.

Rev. Richard S. Holmes of the Presbytery of Pittsburgh and Rev. Alexander McLean of the Presbytery of New York were invited to sit as corresponding members.

The case of Rev. Bruce Wallace Cronmiller, cited to appear at this meeting of Presbytery to show cause why he should not be suspended from the ministry for contumacy, was then taken up.

A letter from Mr. Cronmiller, in response to citation, was read by the Stated Clerk.

Pending consideration of this business the sessional records of the Irvington Church, sent back to the session for the correction of informalities (p. 395) were referred to the Committee on Sessional Records.

On motion, Rev. Bruce Wallace Cronmiller was suspended from the ministry until such time as he shall appear before Presbytery in person and purge himself of contempt.

On motion, the sessional records of the Irvington Church were approved.

The Special Committee on the Expenses of Administration of the Boards presented a report, which was accepted, and its consideration postponed until the Spring Stated Meeting.

On motion, it was ordered that the statements of the report respecting the several Boards be sent to those Boards.

The committee to revise the rules for keeping sessional

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records (p. 395) presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

RULES.

Record place of meeting, with full date — day, month, and year.

Record names of moderator and elders present and absent.

Record opening and closing of meeting with prayer. If meeting immediately follows a religious service and no opening prayer is made, record such fact.

Record approval of minutes.

Record only the motions that are carried, unless the Session orders otherwise; then record such order.

Record the fact of examination as to faith and knowledge, and the inspection of certificate, on receiving members, and the full name of members received.

Record dismission of members, giving full name.

Record statistical report.

Record the fact of the celebration of the Lord's Supper and baptisms.

The record of each meeting must be signed by the Moderator or Clerk.

Note. — The non-observance of these Rules will subject the records to exceptions.

SUGGESTIONS.

Have the minute-book paged, and when reference is made to action of previous meetings, enter plainly the page where such action is recorded.

Records should be written as plainly and neatly as possible, without erasures or interlineations.

The Stated Clerk was instructed to have these rules printed and two copies sent to each Session, one copy to be pasted in the front of each Sessional record.

The committee to declare the pulpit of the Gilead Church vacant (p. 416) reported the discharge of the duty at the time appointed.

The committee to install Rev. William Watson Breckenridge pastor of the Hartford Church (p. 394), reported the discharge of that duty in accordance with the orders of Presbytery with the exception of a necessary change of time from October 30th to November 13th.

The committee appointed to secure the election of one or more additional elders in the Portchester Church (p. 394), reported the discharge of that duty. The report was accepted, and the committee on that church was discharged.

The committee to which was referred the Plan of Federation sent down from the General Assembly (p. 395), presented a report, which was accepted, and its recommendations after amendment were adopted. They are as follows: Intermediate Meeting, Jan. 15, 1895.

1. That the Plan of Federation be not adopted.
2. That representation in any federate body be upon a basis of, and always in proportion to, the number of communicants in each federated church.
3. That this church do not pay any contribution to, or taxation by, any federate council or governing body which is not fairly and equitably based upon the proportion of our representation.

The Stated Clerk was instructed to purchase a suitable desk for use as Clerk of Presbytery, at an expense not to exceed $30.

The special committee on Synodical Aid reported on paper referred to it (p. 418), stating that it was an appeal from the Synod's committee, and urging the churches to make offerings for the cause.

The minutes were read and approved.

The Presbytery then adjourned, to meet in the First Presbyterian Church, Mt. Vernon, N. Y., Monday, April 15, 1895.

Closed with prayer and the benediction.

W. J. CUMMING,
Stated Clerk.

J. H. EASTMAN,
Permanent Clerk.

Mt. Vernon, N. Y., April 15, 1895. Spring Stated Meeting, April 15, 1895.

The Presbytery of Westchester met pursuant to appointment in the Presbyterian Church, Mt. Vernon, N. Y., Monday, April 15, 1895, at 8 P. M.

After devotional exercises the Moderator, Rev. Oliver S. Dean, preached a sermon from the text, Luke 2 : 10 — "Behold I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people.

The roll was then called and the following found to be present :

Ministers.	*Churches.*	*Elders.*
Charles E. Lindsley (2).		
Wilson Phraner.		
David Murdoch.		
Lewis H. Reid.		
Rollin A. Sawyer (2).		
Anthony R. Macoubrey,	White Plains,	Elijah C. Sniffen (2).
Thornton M. Niven,	Greenburgh,	Jacob T. Wheeler (2).
Frederick A. M. Brown (2),	New Haven 1st,	Charles E. Corwin (2).
Oliver S. Dean,	Patterson.	
Henry M. Baird (2).		
John T. Wills,	Greenwich 1st.	
Alexander Miller,	Mahopac Falls.	
Richard P. H. Vail (2),	Stamford 1st,	Thomas G. Ritch (2).
John Reid (2),	Yonkers 1st,	Ralph E. Prime.
Henry A. Davenport,	Bridgeport 1st,	Malcolm T. Kerr.
William B. Waller,	New Rochelle,	John G. Ross.
John H. Eastman,	Katonah,	Joseph Barrett.
William N. Richie.		
J. Ritchie Smith,	Peekskill 1st,	Sanford R. Knapp.
James H. Hoyt (2).		
William J. Cumming,	Yorktown,	Henry White.
George Wm. Knox,	Rye,	William H. Parsons (2).
Charles E. Allison (2),	Dayspring,	William Smith.
John H. Trussell,	S. E. Center,	Warren S. Paddock (2).
Richard B. Mattice,	Throggs Neck,	John F. Barnecott (2).
Irving E. White,	Peekskill 2d,	Jacob R. Decatur (2).
	Mt. Kisco,	Frank N. Horton.
Manfred P. Welcher.		
Charles S. Lane,	Mt. Vernon 1st,	Ransom E. Wilcox.
Adrian V. S Wallace.	Thompsonville.	
James A. McWilliams (2),	Sing Sing,	Frank L. Young (2).
Arthur Requa,	Darien,	James C. Jones (2).
George R. Cutting,	Westminster,	Charles R. Otis.
Francis E. Smith,	New Rochelle (2),	Charles E. Harvey.
Harris Ely Adriance (2),	Hug. Mem'l,	Nathan Johnston.
Henry R. White,	Pleasantville,	Willet C. Brown (2).
Robert R. White,	Bedford,	John G. Clark.
Joseph F. Folsom,	Pound Ridge,	Albert B Scofield.
Frank F. Blessing,	Scarborough,	Francis A. See.

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Ministers.	*Churches.*	*Elders.*	
Theodore L. Van Norden (2), Frank A. Wales (2).	South Salem,	George E. Hull (2).	
	Portchester,	Daniel P. Townsend.	
	Gilead,	George E. Reed.	
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Total present,.....			69

Ministers absent. — Elias S. Schenck, Chauncey D. Rice, William Life, Talmon C. Perry, Andrew B. Morse, Edward B. Allen, David A. Holbrook, Homer S. Newcomb, Theodore S. Pond, Christopher R. Brown, John Ludlow Kendall, Robert P. Gibson, Marcellus Bowen, R. Randall Hoes, Charles E. Upson, Willis W. Dowd, William K. Eddy, David Laughlin, John S. Penman, William Watts Davidson, John A. Ingham, William G. Jenkins, William Watson Breckenridge. — 23.

Churches not represented. — South East, Patterson, Greenwich 1st, Mahopac Falls, Croton Falls, Thompsonville, Irvington, Hartford, North Salem, Hastings 1st.— 10.

Excused for absence. — Chauncey D. Rice, Christopher R. Brown, William G. Jenkins, Elias S. Schenck, Robert P. Gibson, John A. Ingham, Andrew B. Morse, Charles E. Upson, Homer S. Newcomb, William Watts Davidson, Theodore S. Pond, Marcellus Bowen, William K. Eddy.

Corresponding members. — Rev. George W. F. Birch of the Presbytery of New York, Rev. George H. Wallace of the Presbytery of Detroit, Rev. Albert H. Trick of the Presbytery of Albany, and Rev. John Tatlock of the Presbytery of Troy.

The Presbytery was then constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

Rev. John T. Wills was elected Moderator.

Rev. Joseph F. Folsom and Elder Sanford R. Knapp were elected temporary clerks.

The Committee of Arrangements presented a report which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Tuesday.— 9.10 A. M., Devotional meeting led by Rev. Henry A. Davenport. 10 A. M., 12.30 P. M., and 2–5.30 P. M. Business sessions. 8 P. M. Popular service with address by Rev. Robert R. Meredith of Brooklyn, N. Y., on "The Divine Anointing."

Presbytery then adjourned to 9 A. M. to-morrow.

Closed with prayer.

TUESDAY, April 16, 1895.

Spring Stated Meeting. April 16, 1895.

The Presbytery met at 9 A. M., and spent one hour in devotional exercises led by Rev. Henry A. Davenport.

After prayer by the Moderator the roll was called and the following, not present yesterday, answered to their names:

Ministers.— Charles E. Lindsley, Rollin A. Sawyer, Frederick A. M. Brown, Henry M. Baird, Richard P. H. Vail, John Reid, James H. Hoyt, Charles E. Allison, Irving E. White, Manfred P. Welcher, Jas. A. McWilliams, Harris Ely Adriance, Theodore S. Van Norden. — 13.

Elders. — Elijah C. Sniffen, Jacob T. Wheeler, Charles E. Corwin, Thomas G. Ritch, William H. Parsons, Warren S. Paddock, John F. Barnecott, Jacob R. Decatur, Frank L. Young, James C. Jones, Willet C. Brown, George E. Hull.— 12.

The minutes of last evening's session were read and approved.

The Moderator announced the following committees:

I. BILLS AND OVERTURES.

Ministers. — Oliver S. Dean, Wilson Phraner, Alexander Miller.
Elders.— Joseph Barrett and Charles R. Otis.

II. JUDICIAL BUSINESS.

Elders. — Thomas G. Ritch, Ralph E. Prime, Charles E. Harvey.
Ministers. — William B. Waller, Henry A. Davenport.

III. SESSIONAL RECORDS.

Elders.— Sanford R. Knapp, Malcolm T. Kerr, Jacob R. Decatur.
Ministers. — Adrian V. S. Wallace, Irving E. White, George William Knox.

IV. LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

Minister.—William J. Cumming.
Elder.— Sanford R. Knapp.

A communication from the Presbytery of Cincinnati, on a reduced assessment of the General Assembly, was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

A communication relating to supplying ruling elders with the Minutes of the General Assembly was referred to the same committee.

A communication from the Synodical Committee on the Missionary Congress was referred to the same committee.

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A report from Princeton Theological Seminary on students there under care of this Presbytery was referred to the Committee on Education.

A communication from Rev. Samuel T. Clarke on assessment for expenses of the Synodical Missionary Congress was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

Application from the Pleasantville Church for aid from the Synodical Aid Fund was referred to the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension.

A request was received in writing from Rev. David Laughlin, absent on account of illness, asking for the dissolution of pastoral relation existing between himself and the Mt. Kisco Church. It was made the order for 3.30 P. M. to-day.

Overture from General Assembly proposing an amendment to Chapter XIV of the Book of Discipline (Min. G. A., pp. 163–4) was referred to the Committee on Judicial Business.

A communication from those in charge of the *Assembly Herald* was referred to the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension.

The Stated Clerk was directed to secure 3,000 copies of the statistical report of the Presbytery as it appears in the minutes of the General Assembly, for distribution in our churches.

The Stated Clerk was also directed to continue sending copies of the minutes directly to the ruling elders of Presbytery.

Rev. Frank A. Wales was received from the Fairfield East Consociation, and after answering in the affirmative the constitutional questions it was ordered that his name be enrolled.

Rev. John H. Eastman presented a request for the dissolution of the pastoral relations existing between himself and the Katonah Church. It was made the order for eleven o'clock this morning.

The distribution of the income from the Milne Fund

was, on motion, left in the hands of the Trustees of Presbytery, between the sessions of Presbytery, with power to act. Spring Stated Meeting, April 16, 1895.

The following were placed in nomination as commissioners to the General Assembly:

Ministers. — William B. Waller, Arthur Requa, Oliver S. Dean, Charles S. Lane, John A. Ingham, James A. McWilliams, Frederick A. M. Brown, Robert R. White, Joseph F. Folsom, Francis E. Smith.

Elders. — Sanford R. Knapp, Charles R. Otis, Thomas G. Ritch, Andrew Sloane, A. Noel Blakeman, Warren S. Paddock, Henry M. Lester, Malcolm T. Kerr, Ralph E. Prime, Henry White, Charles E. Harvey, John H. Day.

The request of Rev. John H. Eastman for the dissolution of the pastoral relation existing between himself and the Katonah Church was taken up. The reason given for the request was that he had accepted a call to the First Presbyterian Church of Pottsville, Pa.

The commissioners of the Katonah Church and congregation, Messrs. Joseph Barrett and Henry H. Fowler, presented the action of that Church with resolutions expressive of their warm affection for Mr. Eastman personally, of appreciation of his successful work among them, and of their reluctant and regretful concurrence in his request.

On motion, after many expressions on the part of members of the Presbytery of regard and appreciation, the pastoral relation was dissolved, to take effect immediately.

Rev. Messrs. William J. Cumming and J. Ritchie Smith and Elders Henry White and A. Noel Blakeman were appointed a committee to draft an appropriate minute.

Rev. William J. Cumming was appointed to preach in the Katonah Church April 21st, and declare the pulpit vacant.

Rev. Robert P. Gibson was appointed Moderator of the session.

The report of the Special Committee on the Expenses of Administration of the Boards, postponed from the intermediate meeting (p. 419), was taken up.

Pending action, Rev. George W. F. Birch of the Presbytery of New York was invited to sit as corresponding member.

Recess was then taken until 2 P. M.

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Closed with prayer.

TUESDAY, 2 P. M.

Presbytery met after recess and was opened with prayer.

The first order, the election of commissioners to the General Assembly, was taken up, and the following persons were appointed tellers:

Votes for Ministers. — Rev. John H. Trussell and Elder Charles E. Harvey.

Votes for Elders. — Rev. Robert R. White and Elder Ransom E. Wilcox.

Pending the counting of the ballots, on motion, Elder Hezekiah King was substituted for Elder Theodore Gilman on the Committee on Foreign Missions.

Rev. John H. Eastman tendered his resignation of the office of Permanent Clerk, and it was accepted.

The Committee on Temperance presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and it was ordered that it should be sent to the General Assembly's Permanent Committee on Temperance. It is as follows:

Reports have been received from twenty-two churches. They reveal a divided sentiment among the friends of temperance as against an enemy that is united, blatant, and intolerant. Yonkers, Peekskill, Irvington, and other places report societies for the enforcement of the excise law. Bridgeport has in the past year prosecuted a no-license campaign. Mt. Vernon has had the services of Mr. Murphy and Gospel-Temperance meetings conducted by him, which they greatly commend. Pound Ridge reports not an open saloon. Pelham Manor says no licensed saloons.

There appears to be a claim of all our pastors who have reported, that they have faithfully preached and taught the moral question to the people, and in many cases, if not in absolutely all, the pulpit, the Sunday-school, and the Christian Endeavor Societies all combine to set forth, by example, by word, by pledge, and by life, the Christian duty.

There is not shown a great and everywhere existing interest in the teaching of the evils of intemperance in the public schools. Some confess that that matter has been left to the local school authorities without the helpfulness of church influence in keeping school teachers up to their duty in that regard, and others confess that they have done nothing in the direction at all, and do not know what the school authorities are doing.

The greater part of the pastors sound no note of despair. Some say the interest is growing; others, the interest is increasing, and others have some hopeful word to describe the prospect and encouragement.

Overtures to the General Assembly on Young People's Societies, and from the Sing Sing Church asking to have a special Sunday set apart for the consideration of the history, polity, etc., of the Presbyterian Church, were referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures. Spring Stated Meeting, April 16, 1895.

The tellers presented their report, and the following were declared elected commissioners to the General Assembly:

PRINCIPALS.

Ministers.	*Elders.*
William B. Waller,	Thomas G. Ritch,
Charles S. Lane,	John H. Dey,
Arthur Requa.	Sanford R. Knapp.

ALTERNATES.

Joseph F. Folsom,	Ralph E. Prime,
Oliver S. Dean,	A. Noel Blakeman,
Frederick A. M. Brown.	Henry M. Lester.

Rev. George H. Wallace of the Presbytery of Detroit, Rev. Albert H. Trick of the Presbytery of Albany, and Rev. John Tatlock of the Presbytery of Troy were invited to sit as corresponding members.

The Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

1. Having received an application, in order, from the First church of Pleasantville Station for aid to the amount of $200 for the term of one year beginning April 15, 1895, from the Synodical Aid Fund, the Committee recommends its approval by Presbytery. Noting the fact stated in the above application that the devoted pastor of this church himself pays the interest on the debt of $2,000 resting at present on the manse, the Committee expresses the hope that the church will make an effort to remove this indebtedness with the possible aid of the Board of Church Erection through the Manse Fund.

2. In regard to the communication as to the "Assembly Herald" referred to it, the Committee recommends that the Presbytery urge upon the Sessions of our churches the adoption of measures by which a copy of this paper may reach each of the families within their bounds.

3. The Committee recommends the appointment of a committee consisting of Rev. Messrs. Richard P. H. Vail and Charles S. Lane to consider the desirability of establishing a Presbyterian church at Williams' Bridge, and report to the Presbytery.

The Committee on Sessional Records reported, recommending the approval of the records of the following churches without exception:

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Yorktown, Pound Ridge, Thompsonville, South Salem, Westminster, Yonkers 1st, Dayspring, Pleasantville, Stamford 1st, Scarborough, Peekskill 1st, Peekskill 2d, South East Center, Portchester, Throggs Neck, Gilead, and White Plains.

The Committee on Judicial Business, to whom was referred the overture from the General Assembly proposing an amendment to Chapter XIV, Book of Discipline (Min. G. A., pp. 163–4), reported, recommending that the overture be answered in the affirmative. Adopted.

The Committee on Education presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

1. That the Treasurer of Presbytery pay from the Education Fund a sum not to exceed $75 to Rev. Charles E. Allison in trust for Thomas Travis toward his expenses at Mt. Hermon for the ensuing year.
2. That Robert O. Kirkwood of the Westminster Church and a member of the junior class of Princeton College be recommended to the Board of Education for renewal of aid to the full amount.
3. That Hugh T. Gary be received under the care of Presbytery on a letter of dismission from the Presbytery of White Water.
4. That Albert B. Scofield of the Pound Ridge Church and William H. Johnson of the Sing Sing Church be received under the care of Presbytery after a satisfactory examination as to their religious experience and motives for entering the ministry.
5. That William H. Johnson, Robert O. Kirkwood, and Nicholas Schmeckenbecker be granted permission to engage in Christian work and preaching the Gospel until October.

Albert B. Scofield of the Pound Ridge Church and William H. Johnson of the Sing Sing Church, after examination in Christian experience and motives in entering the ministry, were received under the care of the Presbytery as candidates for the ministry.

Hugh T. Gary of the Irvington Church was received as a candidate for the ministry by letter of dismissal from the Presbytery of White Water.

The Committee on Examinations reported that Richard F. Chambers of Princeton Seminary, and Norman C. Whittemore and Hugh T. Gary of Union Seminary, had been examined in the arts, sciences, church history, government and sacraments, and theology, and the examinations had been approved. They were counselled to continue their studies in church government, etc.

The special order for 3.30 P. M., the request of Rev.

David Laughlin for the dissolution of the pastoral relation existing between him and the Mt. Kisco Church, was then taken up. Spring Stated Meeting, April 16, 1895.

The commissioners from the church and congregation were heard. The action of the congregational meeting, concurring in the request, was read.

On motion, the request was granted, the dissolution to take effect immediately.

Rev. Joseph F. Folsom was appointed to preach on April 21st, and declare the pulpit vacant.

Rev. Robert R. White was appointed Moderator of the Session.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures presented a report, which was accepted, and is as follows:

Your committee recommends:

1. That an overture be sent to the General Assembly asking for a reduced assessment.

2. That an overture be sent to the General Assembly recommending that the General Assembly direct its Stated Clerk to furnish hereafter, on the receipt of twenty-five cents, to every ruling elder so requesting in advance of publication, a copy of the Minutes of the General Assembly.

3. That the Treasurer of Presbytery be directed to pay $10 towards the expenses of the Synodical Missionary Congress.

4. That the following overture be sent to the General Assembly:

WHEREAS, In past years the General Assembly has encouraged a considerable number of the Boards of the church to appeal to the Young People's Societies for funds to carry on the work of such Boards, the Presbytery of Westchester would very respectfully ask the Assembly to consider whether it be not unwise to press the work of the Boards, other than the Home and Foreign, upon the Young People's Societies, lest in various important respects the objects for which the societies exist shall be defeated.

5. That the following overture be sent to the General Assembly:

The Presbytery of Westchester respectfully overtures the General Assembly to recommend to the churches the setting apart of a day in each year, which shall be devoted to the history, polity, and doctrine of Presbyterianism, and that such recommendation be especially directed to the Young People's Societies.

Recommendation No. 1 was laid on the table. The others were adopted.

The examination of candidates was then resumed. Messrs. Hugh T. Gary, Norman C. Whittemore, and Richard F. Chambers read statements of their theological beliefs. They also preached portions of their sermons.

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They then retired, the roll was called and their examinations were sustained.

The recommendation of the sub-committee on languages, that they be further examined in languages before their ordination, was adopted.

After answering in the affirmative the constitutional questions required by chap. XIV, VII, of Form of Government, they were duly licensed to preach the Gospel.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted :

Presbytery cordially recommends to the Sabbath-schools within our bounds the observance of Children's Day. In view of the important enterprises conducted by the Sabbath-school and Missionary Departments of the Board of Publication and Sabbath-school Work, Presbytery recommends that officers of our Sabbath-schools promptly apply for mite-chests for Children's Day.

Rev. John H. Eastman requested a letter of dismission to the Presbytery of Lehigh ; and, on motion, the request was granted.

The committee appointed to draft a minute in view of Mr. Eastman's removal (p. 427) presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows :

It is with great regret and reluctance that Presbytery severs the pastoral relation which has existed for almost twenty years between Rev John H. Eastman and the Katonah Church, and dismisses him to another ecclesiastical body ; and this Presbytery would bear grateful testimony to his ability and success as a preacher and pastor, to his regular attendance (seldom absent from a meeting), activity, and diligence as a presbyter, and to his efficiency as an officer for the past seven years. We would express for him our esteem as a brother beloved, whom we shall miss from our gatherings, and our best wishes for him and his. We would fervently pray that the blessing of the Heavenly Father may rest upon him in his new field of labor.

We recommend that a copy of this minute be sent with his letter of dismission to the Presbytery of Lehigh and to the Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Pottsville, Pa , to which he has been called.

Recess was then taken until 8 P. M.

Closed with prayer.

TUESDAY, 8 P. M.

Presbytery reassembled, and after devotional exercises listened to an address by Rev. Robert R. Meredith of Brooklyn, N. Y., on the Divine Anointing.

Presbytery then resumed business and was opened with prayer by the moderator.

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The report of the Special Committee on the Expenses of Administration of the Boards was taken up, and, after amendment, was adopted. Its recommendations are as follows:

I. That this report be forwarded to the General Assembly as a memorial to explain the proposed overtures.

II. That this Presbytery overture General Assembly asking that a special committee of five be appointed for the following purposes:

1. To inquire whether any reduction of expenses is possible in the Boards of the Church aside from the Boards of Home and Foreign Missions.

2. To consider whether there would be a gain in economy, without loss of efficiency, in consolidating some of the Boards; and to consult about the matter with the Boards concerned.

3. If such consolidation be deemed advisable, to consider by what means this greater economy can be gained.

4. To make full report on these points to the next General Assembly.

The June Intermediate Meeting was appointed to be held in New York city, and the Stated Clerk was made the Committee of Arrangements.

The appointment of a place for the Fall Stated Meeting was postponed until the Intermediate Meeting.

The Committee on Narrative presented a report, which was accepted and adopted, and it was ordered that an abstract be entered upon the minutes and sent to the General Assembly. It is as follows:

I. Public Worship.

Thirty-seven churches out of thirty-nine reported; and all report that public worship on the Lord's Day has been maintained throughout the entire year, with growing and encouraging attendance at the morning services, but at the evening not so encouraging, hard to keep up the interest. Nearly all report a goodly number of children and youth in attendance upon public worship on the Lord's Day.

II. Sabbath-Schools.

All but one of the churches report one or more Sabbath-schools under their care, the one referred to says: "For lack of element we have been restrained from attempting to hold Sunday-school." Generally the condition of the Sunday-schools is good. The Shorter Catechism is taught with a fair degree of regularity, and the Westminster Lesson Helps are used in nearly all of the schools. Ten churches report mission schools, one church has two, and in many the results are encouraging.

III. Meetings for Prayer.

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Meetings for prayer and social worship are held in mid-week by all the churches, besides the meetings held for the same purpose by the various societies in connection with twenty-three of the churches, and fourteen report a monthly service devoted to missions and other work of the church. These meetings are well sustained.

IV. Family Religion.

There is a tone of uncertainty about the subject of family religion in nearly all the reports. While Christian parents are more or less faithful in presenting their children for baptism, there is often an expressed doubt about family worship and the home training of the children, though faithfully urged. The few gathered into our churches from such homes show the crying need of a revival of family religion.

V. Benevolence.

In the matter of benevolence, considering the hard times of which a great many complain, the reports are encouraging, nearly all keeping up to their usual amount, and many report a growth in giving. The larger number of the Sabbath-schools contribute to benevolent objects. The poor of the churches are cared for.

VI. Organizations for Church Work.

The organizations by the women within our bounds are missionary societies for Home and Foreign Missions in all but two of our churches. The young people have Young People's Societies of Christian Endeavor and Brotherhoods of Andrew and Philip, all doing good work and well sustained.

VII. Revivals.

Four of our churches report marked religious awakening among the unconverted, the number of conversions not given. Nearly all the churches report, as signs of spiritual prosperity, a growing interest in the services of the Lord's Day and in the prayer-meetings, with a steady, healthy growth in membership.

VIII. Miscellaneous.

The financial obligations of all the churches are met with fidelity. No unusual obstructions are reported. The members of the churches are taking their part with others in the judicious advancement by Christian methods of legitimate measures of moral reform in various associations of Citizens Leagues and temperance organizations.

The Trustees of Presbytery made a verbal report on the Somers Church property, with the recommendation that the remaining property be put into the hands of the Trustees of Presbytery. The report was accepted and adopted.

Moderators of Sessions of vacant churches were appointed as follows:

Rev. Robert P. Gibson, North Salem.
Rev. Richard B. Mattice, Throggs Neck.
Rev. John T. Wills, Port Chester.
Rev. Oliver S. Dean, Patterson.
Rev. John Reid, Hastings 1st.
Rev. Frank F. Blessing, Scarborough.
Rev. George William Knox, Rye.
Rev. Robert P. Gibson, Gilead.
Rev. Robert P. Gibson, Katonah.
Rev. Robert R. White, Mt. Kisco.

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The Sessions of these churches were authorized to supply their pulpits until the next stated meeting of Presbytery.

The Stated Clerk presented requests to be excused for absence from the following, and on motion they were excused:

Ministers.—Chauncey D. Rice, Christopher R. Brown, William G. Jenkins, Elias S. Schenck, Robert P. Gibson, John A. Ingham, Andrew B. Morse, Charles E. Upson, Homer S. Newcomb, William Watts Davidson, Theodore S. Pond, Marcellus Bowen, William K. Eddy.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Mt. Vernon Church for their kind hospitality was adopted.

The Stated Clerk was ordered to extend the thanks of the Presbytery to Rev. Robert R. Meredith for his inspiring address.

On motion, the Stated Clerk and Moderator were directed to appoint delegates to the Synodical Missionary Congress.

The Committee on Leave of Absence presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Your committee have granted leave of absence to the following:

Ministers.—Anthony R. Macoubrey, James H. Hoyt, Richard P. H. Vail, Frederick A. M. Brown, Robert R. White, Lewis H. Reid, Irving E. White, Thornton M. Niven, Harris Ely Adriance.

Elders.—Charles E. Corwin, John G. Clark, Frank N. Horton, Charles R. Otis, Daniel P. Townsend, Jacob T. Wheeler, William Smith, George E. Reed, William H. Parsons.

The roll was called, and the following were found to have withdrawn without leave:

Ministers.—Charles E. Lindsley, Wilson Phraner, Rollin A. Sawyer, Henry M. Baird, Adrian V. S Wallace, James A. McWilliams, Frank F. Blessing, Henry R. White, Theodore L. Van Norden.

Elders.—Elijah C. Sniffen, Thomas G. Ritch, John G. Ross, Joseph Barrett, Warren S. Paddock, John F. Barnecott, Jacob R. Decatur, Frank L. Young, James C. Jones, Francis A. See.

The minutes of to-day's sessions were read and approved.

Spring Stated Meeting, April 16, 1895.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet in New York city, Tuesday, June 18, 1895.

Closed with prayer and the benediction.

W. J. CUMMING,
Stated Clerk.

Permanent Clerk.

OFFICERS OF PRESBYTERY.

Moderator — Rev. John T. Wills, Greenwich, Conn. *Stated Clerk and Treasurer* — Rev. William J. Cumming, Yorktown, N. Y. *Permanent Clerk* —

Temporary Clerks — Rev. Joseph F. Folsom, Pound Ridge, N. Y.; and Elder Sanford R. Knapp, Peekskill, N. Y.

TRUSTEES.

Ministers — Rollin A. Sawyer, Richard P. H. Vail, Thornton M. Niven, William B. Waller.

Elders — Edward Wells (*Clerk, Peekskill, N. Y.*), Uriah Hill, William H. Parsons, Thomas G. Ritch (*Treasurer, Stamford, Conn.*), Benjamin Weed.

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1895.

Churches,	39	Added on Examination,	354
Sunday-schools,	49	Added on Certificate,	294
Ministers,	62	Total Communicants,	7,923
Licentiates,	11	Adults Baptized,	91
Candidates,	6	Infants Baptized,	265
Elders,	172	Sunday-school Membership,	7,721
Deacons,	71		

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Home Missions,	$14,658	Synodical Aid Fund,	$913
Foreign Missions,	9,404	Aid for Colleges,	583
Education,	885	General Assembly,	919
Sunday-school work,	1,726	Congregational,	118,929
Church Erection,	888	American Bible Society,	574
Relief Fund,	1,331	Miscellaneous,	6,086
Freedmen,	1,178		
Total,			$158,074

New York City, June 18, 1895.

Intermediate Meeting, June 18, 1895.

The Presbytery of Westchester met pursuant to appointment in the Mission House, 53 Fifth Ave., New York city, Tuesday, June 18, 1895, at 10 A. M., the Moderator, Rev. John T. Wills, in the chair, and was constituted with prayer.

The roll was called and the following were found to be present:

Ministers.	*Churches.*	*Elders.*
Elias S. Schenck.		
	White Plains,	Samuel H. Wilson.
Thornton M. Niven,	Greenburgh,	Robert L. Wilde.
Oliver S. Dean,	Patterson,	Orson W. Sloat.
John T. Wills,	Greenwich 1st.	
Alexander Miller,	Mahopac Falls.	
Richard P. H. Vail,	Stamford 1st,	Clarence L. Reid.
Robert P. Gibson,	Croton Falls.	
John Reid,	Yonkers 1st,	Ralph E. Prime.
	Bridgeport 1st,	R. Melville Keys.
William B. Waller,	New Rochelle,	Henry M. Lester.
	Peekskill 1st,	Sanford R. Knapp.
James H. Hoyt.		
William J. Cumming,	Yorktown,	Henry White.
George Wm. Knox,	Rye,	William H. Parsons.
John H. Trussell,	S. E. Center.	
Richard B. Mattice,	Throggs Neck,	Marvin R. Baxter.
Irving E. White,	Peekskill 2d.	
Manfred P. Welcher.		
Charles S. Lane,	Mt. Vernon 1st,	William McD. Halsey.
Arthur Requa.	Darien.	
George R. Cutting,	Westminster,	John H. Brown.
Francis E. Smith,	New Rochelle 2d.	
Harris Ely Adriance,	Hug. Mem'l,	David I. Carson.
Robert R. White,	Bedford,	John G. Clarke.
Joseph F. Folsom,	Pound Ridge.	
John A. Ingham,	Irvington,	George M. Kendall.
Frank F. Blessing,	Scarborough,	Francis A See.
Frank A. Wales.		
	South Salem,	George E. Hull.
	Katonah,	J. F. Chapman, M.D.
Alvah G. Fessenden,	Mt. Kisco,	Frank N. Horton.
	27	20
Total present,....		.47

Ministers absent.—Chauncey D. Rice, Charles E. Lindsley, Wilson Phraner, David Murdoch, Lewis H. Reid, William Life, Talmon C. Perry, Andrew B. Morse, Rollin A. Sawyer, Anthony R. Macoubrey, Edward B. Allen, Fred. A. M. Brown, David A. Holbrook, Henry M. Baird, Homer S. Newcomb, Theodore S. Pond, Christopher R. Brown, John Ludlow Kendall, Marcellus Bowen, Henry A. Davenport, R. Randall Hoes, Charles E. Upson, Willis W. Dowd, William N. Richie, J. Ritchie Smith, William K. Eddy, Charles E. Allison, David Laughlin, Adrian V. S. Wallace, James A. McWilliams, John S. Penman,

William Watts Davidson, Henry R. White, William G. Jenkins, Theodore L. Van Norden, William Watson Breckenridge.—36.

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Churches not represented.—South East, New Haven 1st, Greenwich 1st, Mahopac Falls, Croton Falls, Dayspring, S. E Center, Peekskill 2d, Thompsonville, Sing Sing, Darien, New Rochelle 2d, Pleasantville, Pound Ridge, Hartford, North Salem, Hastings 1st, Portchester, Gilead. —19.

Excused for absence.—Lewis H. Reid, Adrian V. S. Wallace, J. Ritchie Smith, Theodore S. Pond, William K. Eddy, Marcellus Bowen.

Rev. Alvah G. Fessenden was received by letter of dismission from the Presbytery of New York, and it was ordered that his name be enrolled.

Licentiate Will A. Babbit was received under the care of the Presbytery by dismission from the Manhattan Congregational Association.

Rev. William Watts Davidson was dismissed at his own request to the North Litchfield Association of Congregational Ministers.

A communication was received from Rev. John S. Penman notifying Presbytery that he had united with the Central Congregational Church of Bangor, Me., and been installed its pastor. It was ordered that his name be dropped from the roll in accordance with the requirements of Book of Discipline, VII, 53 (p. 418).

The committee to appoint delegates to the Synodical Missionary Congress (p. 435) presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Your committee appointed the following:

Ministers.	*Elders.*
Manfred P. Welcher,	Hezekiah King,
James A. McWilliams,	C. A. Pugsley,
Wilson Phraner,	Thomas M. Stewart,
Frederick A. M. Brown,	Jacob R. Decatur,
Oliver S. Dean,	John T. Terry,
John T. Wills,	Theodore Gilman,
Robert P. Gibson,	Henry M. Lester,
George Wm. Knox,	E. P. Whittemore.

The annual report of the Women's Committee on Home Missions of this Presbytery was received and referred to the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension.

The Stated Clerk reported the purchase of a desk as ordered by Presbytery (p. 421) for the sum of $23.

A vote of thanks was extended to Rev. William C.

Roberts, Secretary of the Home Board, for the use of his office for this meeting of Presbytery.

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The Treasurer reports that one of our churches had not paid any assessment for two years and another for three years. On motion these assessments were referred to a committee consisting of Elders William H. Parsons and Sanford R. Knapp.

Reports of ministers, not pastors, in accordance with Rule 32, were received from Rev. Messrs. Elias S. Schenck, Chauncey D. Rice, William G. Jenkins, Andrew B. Morse, David A. Holbrook, Christopher R. Brown, and James H. Hoyt.

A call from the church at Scarborough, N. Y., for the pastoral services of Rev. Frank F. Blessing was presented. The minutes of the meeting of session and of the congregation were read, and the commissioner heard.

The call was found in order and placed in Mr. Blessing's hands, and by him accepted.

Rev. Messrs. Frank F. Blessing, Thornton M. Niven, and Elder Francis A. See were appointed a committee to make arrangements for the installation.

A call from the church at Katonah, N. Y., for the pastoral services of Licentiate Will A. Babbit was presented and the commissioners from the church and congregation were heard.

The call was found in order and placed in Mr. Babbit's hands, and by him accepted.

Rev. Robert P. Gibson and Elder J. Francis Chapman, M.D., were appointed to make arrangements for his ordination and installation, subject to the result of his examination.

An invitation from the Rye Church for the Fall Stated Meeting was accepted with thanks.

Elder William H. Parsons offered to secure accommodations for meetings of Presbytery in New York city whenever they were needed. His offer was accepted with thanks.

The sub-committee on languages of the Committee on

Intermediate Meeting, June 18, 1895.

Examinations reported recommending that the examinations in languages of candidates ordered by Presbytery (p. 432) be sustained. Adopted.

The committee appointed to consider the desirability of organizing a church at Williams' Bridge, N. Y. (p. 429), presented a report, which, after amendment, was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

A visit of investigation has satisfied us that there is no call for a church of our order in that place at the present time. The Methodist and Baptist churches, each possessed of fine edifices, meet the needs of the Protestant population. So far as we can discover, there is no sufficiently large number of people who desire a Presbyterian Church to warrant the organization of one. If one were established it would be a weakly thing, requiring constant aid of Presbytery.

The proposition sent to Presbytery asking us to consider the matter, and offering us the old building of the Methodist Church at a much higher price than can be obtained for it, has about it chiefly the flavor of a transaction in real estate, rather than a crying need of Presbyterianism. The building thus offered is a somewhat dilapidated and second-rate affair, belonging to what may be styled the ramshackle order of architecture, and is not desirable as a Presbyterian edifice. The committee was informed that a valid title to the land on which this archaic structure stands could not be given by the Methodists. Helpful financially to the cause of Methodism as the purchase by Presbytery would evidently be, the benefit to Presbyterianism is extremely doubtful.

In addition to this the committee would say that since its appointment by Presbytery at Mt. Vernon, the town of Williams' Bridge has become a part of the greater New York, and, therefore, may be no longer within the bounds of the Westchester Presbytery.

We, therefore, recommend that the proposition be respectfully returned to the Church Extension Committee of the New York Presbytery.

Commissioners to the General Assembly reported attendance at its sessions, and, on motion, their reports were accepted and fidelity approved.

The overture to the General Assembly on the expenses of Administration of the Boards (p. 433) was referred to the following committee:

Ministers.— Charles S. Lane, Oliver S. Dean, William J. Cumming, and

Elders.— Ralph E. Prime and Thomas G. Ritch.

Rev. Robert R. White requested that the pastoral relation existing between himself and the Bedford Church might be dissolved, to take effect immediately, in order that he might accept a call to the Presbyterian Church of Macon, Ga.

The commissioner from the Bedford church, Elder John

G. Clark, was heard and the minutes of the congregational meeting read.

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The request for the dissolution was granted.

Mr. White, at his own request, was then dismissed to the Presbytery of Macon, Ga., Presbyterian Church, South.

Rev. William J. Cumming was appointed to preach in the Bedford Church on the first Sabbath of July and declare the pulpit vacant.

Rev. James H. Hoyt was appointed Moderator of the session, and the church was given leave to supply its pulpit until Fall Stated Meeting.

It was ordered that a meeting be held by adjournment in New York city, Tuesday, July 2, beginning at 11 A. M., of which due notice shall be given by the Stated Clerk by postal.

The Moderator was excused for failure to attend the Synodical Missionary Congress at Oneida, N. Y., June 10–12.

The Committee on the Minutes of the Synod presented a report, which was accepted and is as follows:

Attention is called to the following items:

1. The observance of the Lord's Day, pp. 36 and 37.
2. Ministerial Relief, p. 44.

The Committee on Examinations reported on the examination for ordination of Licentiate Will A. Babbit and recommended that it be sustained. The report was accepted and adopted.

Mr. Babbit read a written statement of his theological views.

The roll was called and his examination for ordination was unanimously sustained.

It was ordered that when Presbytery adjourn it adjourn to meet at Katonah, N. Y., Tuesday, June 25, at 7.30 P. M., and that Mr. Babbit be then ordained to the ministry and installed as pastor of the Presbyterian Church.

The committee to make arrangements for the ordination and installation of Mr. Babbit (p. 439) presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Intermediate Meeting, June 18, 1895.

Time.—Tuesday, June 25, 1895, 7.30 P. M. *To preside, propound the constitutional questions, and offer the ordaining prayer,* the Moderator. *Sermon.*—Rev. Robert P. Gibson; Rev. Oliver S. Dean, alternate. *Charge to the pastor.*—Rev. John Hogg of Winnipeg, to be invited; Rev. Theodore L. Van Norden, alternate. *Charge to the people.*—Rev. John H. Eastman, to be invited; Rev. William J. Cumming, alternate.

A call from the Mt. Kisco Church for the pastoral services of Rev. Alvah G. Fessenden was presented. Commissioners from the church and congregation were heard. The call was found in order, placed in Mr. Fessenden's hands, and by him accepted.

Rev. Messrs. George William Knox and Alvah G. Fessenden and Elder Francis N. Horton were appointed a committee to make arrangements for the installation.

The above committee presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Time.—Thursday, June 27, 7.30 P. M. *Sermon.*—Rev. S. B. Rossiter, to be invited; Rev. Alexander Miller, alternate. *Charge to the pastor.*—Rev. Henry A. Davenport; Rev. James A. McWilliams, alternate. *Charge to the people.*—Rev. Anthony R Macoubrey; Rev. William J. Cumming, alternate.

The committee to arrange for the installation of Rev. Frank F. Blessing as pastor of the church at Scarborough, N. Y. (p. 439), presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Time.—First Sabbath of July. *Sermon*—Rev. George T. Purves, to be invited. *Charge to the pastor.*—Rev. J. Ritchie Smith; Rev. John A. Ingham, alternate. *Charge to the people.*—Rev. Wilson Phraner; Rev. R. A. Sawyer, alternate.

The committee to declare vacant the pulpits of the Katonah (p. 427) and Mt. Kisco Churches (p. 431) reported the performance of the duty at the dates appointed. The reports were accepted.

The minutes of to-day's session were read and approved.

The Presbytery then adjourned, to meet in the Presbyterian Church at Katonah, N. Y., Tuesday, June 25, at 7.30 P. M.

Closed with prayer.

W. J. CUMMING,
Stated Clerk.

Permanent Clerk.

KATONAH, N. Y., June 25, 1895.

Adjourned Meeting, June 25, 1895.

The Presbytery of Westchester met pursuant to adjournment in the Presbyterian Church, Katonah, N. Y., Tuesday, June 25, 1895, at 7.30 P. M.

The following were found to be present:

Ministers.	*Churches.*	*Elders.*
John T. Wills,	Greenwich 1st.	
Robert P. Gibson,	Croton Falls,	George W. Abrams.
William J. Cumming,	Yorktown.	
Joseph F. Folsom,	Pound Ridge,	Albert B. Scofield.
Theodore L. Van Norden,	South Salem,	George E. Hull.
Alvah G. Fessenden,	Mt. Kisco.	
Will A. Babbit,	Katonah,	J. F. Chapman, M.D.
	Bedford,	John G. Clark.
	7	5

Total present,..... 12

Corresponding Members.— Rev. John Hogg of the Presbytery of Winnipeg and Rev. John H. Eastman of the Presbytery of Lehigh.

The Presbytery then proceeded to the ordination of Licentiate Will A. Babbit, and his installation as pastor of the Katonah Church, in accordance with the arrangements of Presbytery (p. 442).

After devotional exercises Rev. Robert P. Gibson preached a sermon from the text, 2 Cor. 5 : 10 — 14.

The Moderator, Rev. John T. Wills, made a statement of the action of Presbytery and propounded the constitutional questions of Form of Government, Chaps. XV, XII, and XIII.

The Moderator offered the prayer of ordination and Mr. Babbit was set apart to the office of a Gospel minister with the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery.

Mr. Babbit was then declared the duly constituted pastor of the Katonah Church.

The charge to the pastor was delivered by invitation by Rev. John Hogg of the Presbytery of Winnipeg, and the charge to the people by invitation by Rev. John H. Eastman of the Presbytery of Lehigh.

The benediction was pronounced by the newly-ordained and installed pastor, Mr. Babbit.

Presbytery then assembled for business.

Adjourned Meeting, June 25, 1895.

Rev. John Hogg of the Presbytery of Winnipeg and Rev. John H. Eastman of the Presbytery of Lehigh were invited to sit as corresponding members.

It was ordered that the name of Rev. Will A. Babbit be enrolled.

Rev. Joseph F. Folsom requested the dissolution of the pastoral relation existing between him and the Pound Ridge Church.

The Commissioner, Elder Albert B. Seofield, was heard, and the minutes of the congregational meeting reluctantly concurring in the request were read.

The pastoral relation was then dissolved, to take effect on the last day of this month.

Rev. Theodore L. Van Norden was appointed to preach and declare the pulpit vacant at a date to be fixed by himself and the session of the church.

Mr. Van Norden was also appointed Moderator of the session.

The church was given permission to supply its pulpit until the Fall Stated Meeting of Presbytery.

Rev. Joseph F. Folsom was at his own request dismissed to the Presbytery of Newark.

The action of Presbytery appointing a meeting to be held by adjournment in New York city, Tuesday, July 2, at 11 A. M. (p. 441) was reconsidered, and, on motion, rescinded.

The minutes of this meeting were read and approved.

The Presbytery then adjourned to meet in Rye, N. Y., on Monday, October 7, 1895.

Closed with prayer.

W. J. CUMMING,
Stated Clerk.

Permanent Clerk.

Rye, N. Y., October 7, 1895.

Fall Stated Meeting, Oct. 7, 1895.

The Presbytery of Westchester met pursuant to appointment in the Presbyterian Church, Rye, N. Y., Monday, October 7, 1895, at 8 P. M.

After devotional exercises, a sermon was preached (in the absence of the Moderator, Rev. John T. Wills) by Rev. Richard P. H. Vail, from the text, Heb. 12 : 14 — "Follow . . . holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord."

The Presbytery was called to order by ex-Moderator Elder Ralph E. Prime, and was constituted with prayer.

The Stated Clerk announced that the Moderator, Rev. John T. Wills, was in Wales, sick, and consequently unable to be present; and that he had requested Rev. Richard P. H. Vail to preach the sermon.

The roll was called and the following found to be present:

Ministers.	*Churches.*	*Elders.*
David Murdoch.		
William Life.		
Rollin A. Sawyer (2).		
John Tatlock (2).		
	White Plains,	Edwin A. Slosson (2).
Thornton M. Niven (2),	Greenburgh,	Hezekiah King (2).
Fred'k A. M. Brown (2),	New Haven 1st,	Charles E. Corwin.
Oliver S. Dean (2),	Patterson.	
Alexander Miller,	Mahopac Falls,	C. C. Dusenbury (2).
Richard P. H. Vail,	Stamford 1st,	Charles B. Dolsen (2).
Robert P. Gibson (2),	Croton Falls.	
	Yonkers 1st,	Ralph E. Prime.
	Bridgeport 1st,	David F. Hollister.
William B. Waller,	New Rochelle,	John K. Myers (2).
William N. Richie (2).		
J. Ritchie Smith,	Peekskill 1st,	Edward Wells.
William J. Cumming,	Yorktown,	Henry Strang (2).
James H. Hoyt (2).		
George Wm. Knox,	Rye,	Jasper E. Corning.
Charles E. Allison (2),	Dayspring,	Thomas F. Hope (2).
John H. Trussell,	S. E. Center,	Warren S. Paddock(2).
Richard B. Mattice (2),	Throggs Neck,	John F. Barnecott (2).
Manfred P. Welcher.		
Charles S. Lane,	Mt. Vernon 1st,	John Irwin.
Arthur Requa,	Darien,	Benj. Weed.
George R. Cutting,	Westminster,	William L. Odell.
Francis E Smith (2),	New Rochelle 2d,	Charles E. Harvey (2).
Harris Ely Adriance (2),	Huguenot Memorial.	
Henry R. White (2),	Pleasantville.	
John A. Ingham,	Irvington.	
Wm. Watson Breckenridge,	Hartford.	
Frank F. Blessing,	Scarborough,	Alfred L. Manierre.
Frank A. Wales.		
Alvah G. Fessenden,	Mt. Kisco,	Ebenezer G. Platt.

	Ministers.	*Churches.*	*Elders.*
Fall Stated Meeting, Oct. 7, 1895.	Theodore L. Van Norden,	South Salem,	John F. Bouton.
	Will A. Babbitt,	Katonah.	
		Portchester,	Dan'l P. Townsend (2).
		Gilead,	William H. Foster.
		Bedford,	John G. Clark.
		Pound Ridge,	John C. Rockwell (2).
	33		25

Total present,..... 58

Ministers absent. — Elias S. Schenck, Chauncey D. Rice, Charles E. Lindsley, Wilson Phraner, Talmon C. Perry, Andrew B. Morse, Anthony R. Macoubrey, Edward B. Allen, David A. Holbrook, Henry M. Baird, John T. Wills, Homer S. Newcomb, Theodore S. Pond, Christopher R. Brown, Marcellus Bowen, John Reid, Henry A. Davenport, R. Randall Hoes, Charles E. Upson, Willis W. Dowd, Wm. K. Eddy, Irving E. White, David Laughlin, Adrian V. S. Wallace, James A. McWilliams, William G. Jenkins. — 26.

Churches not represented. — South East, Patterson, Greenwich 1st, Croton Falls, Peekskill 2d, Thompsonville, Sing Sing, Huguenot Memorial, Pleasantville, Irvington, Hartford, Katonah, North Salem, Hastings 1st. — 14.

Excused for absence. — Elias S. Schenck, Chauncey D. Rice, Chas. E. Lindsley, Wilson Phraner, Talmon C. Perry, John T. Wills, Homer S. Newcomb, Theodore S. Pond, Marcellus Bowen, John Reid, R. Randall Hoes, William K. Eddy, Irving E. White, David Laughlin, Adrian V. S. Wallace, James A. McWilliams, William G. Jenkins.

Corresponding members. — Rev. Daniel N. Freeland of the Presbytery of East Florida. Rev. Judson H. Hopkins of the Presbytery of Nassau. Rev. John N. Brown of the Presbytery of Lehigh. Rev. Charles E. Knox of the Presbytery of Newark.

Rev. J. Ritchie Smith was elected Moderator.

The nomination of a person to fill the office of Permanent Clerk was referred to a special committee, consisting of Rev. Charles S. Lane and Elder David F. Hollister.

Rev. Arthur Requa was elected Temporary Clerk.

The Committee of Arrangements presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Tuesday, 8.45 A. M.— Devotional meeting, led by Rev. George R. Cutting. 9.45 A. M.–12.45 P. M. and 2.30 P. M.–5.30 P. M. — Business sessions. 8 P. M. — Popular meeting. Subject: The Sabbath Question; with addresses by several members of the Presbytery.

Presbytery then adjourned until to-morrow at 8.45 A. M. Closed with prayer.

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The Presbytery met at 8.45 A. M., and spent one hour in devotional exercises, led by Rev. George R. Cutting.

After prayer the roll was called and the following, not present yesterday, answered to their names:

Ministers. — Rollin A. Sawyer, Thornton M. Niven, Frederick A. M. Brown, Oliver S. Dean, Robert P. Gibson, William B. Waller, William N. Richie, Charles E. Allison, James H. Hoyt, Richard B. Mattice, Francis E. Smith, Harris Ely Adriance, Henry R. White, John A. Ingham. — 14.

Elders. — Edwin A. Slosson, Hezekiah King, C. Coles Dusenbury, Charles B. Dolsen, John K. Myers, Henry Strang, Thomas F. Hope, Warren S. Paddock, John F. Barnecott, Charles E. Harvey, Daniel P. Townsend, John G. Clark, John C. Rockwell. — 13.

The minutes of last night's session were read and approved.

The committee to nominate a Permanent Clerk presented a report, nominating Elder Ralph E. Prime. The report was accepted, and Mr. Prime was elected.

The Moderator announced the following committees:

I. BILLS AND OVERTURES.

Ministers. — George R. Cutting, Richard P. H. Vail.
Elders. — Edward Wells, Jasper E. Corning, and Benjamin Weed.

II. JUDICIAL BUSINESS.

Ministers. — Charles S. Lane, Theodore L. Van Norden, and Frank F. Blessing.
Elders. — Ralph E. Prime and William H. Foster.

III. SESSIONAL RECORDS.

Ministers. — David Murdoch, John H. Trussell, and Manfred P. Welcher.
Elders. — William L. Odell, Alfred L. Manierre, Ebenezer G. Platt.

IV. FINANCE.

Elders. — John Irwin and John F. Bouton.

V. LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

Ministers. — William J. Cumming and Arthur Requa.

The Stated Clerk reported that he had granted a letter of dismission to Licentiate Hugh T. Gary to the Presbytery of Wellsborough, Synod of Pennsylvania, July 20, 1895. Adopted.

The death of Rev. Lewis H. Reid on July 8, 1895 at Hartford, Conn., in the 70th year of his age, was

announced, and Rev. Richard P. H. Vail was appointed to draft a suitable minute.

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The death of Rev. John Ludlow Kendall at New Haven, Conn., on July 8, 1895, in the 50th year of his age, was also announced, and Rev. Frederick A. M. Brown was appointed to draft a minute.

The election of the following persons as Trustees of the Church at Narragansett Pier was confirmed, as required by the charter:

Rev. Messrs. J. Aspinwall Hodge, Walter D. Buchanan, T. Ralston Smith, Warner Fobes, and Richard M. Hodge. Hon. Sherman S. Rogers, and Messrs. S. R. Branch, William Phillips, and ——— Sprunt.

The Treasurer presented his annual report, which was referred to the Committee on Finance. It is as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING OCT. 1, 1895.

Receipts.

Cash on hand Oct. 1, 1894 — Presbyterial Fund,	$228.90	
Education,	16.91—	$245.81
Assessments, 1894,	34.39	
Assessments, 1895,	855.22—	889.61
Education,		71.67
Total,		$1,207.00

Disbursements.

Salary — Stated Clerk,		$100.00
Expense — Postage, stationery, etc.,	$41.73	
Blanks,	1.50	
Statistical Reports,	8.75	
Desk,	23.00—	74.98
Printing — Minutes,	116.10	
Notices,	18.00	
Standing Rules,	8.00	
Rules for Sessional Records,	3.00—	145.10
Appointments — General Assembly,	542.57	
Synod of New York, 1894,	46.50	
Synodical Missionary Congress,	10.00—	599.07
Delegates to Synod, Expenses of,		8.29
Total,		$927.44
Cash in Westchester Co. Nat. Bank —		
Presbyterial Fund,	191.07	
Education,	88.58—	279.65
Unpaid Assessments — Hartford, 1893,	28.97	
" 1894,	27.91	
" 1895,	28.59—	85.47
Hastings, 1894,	6.59	
" 1895,	6.50—	13.09
Mahopac Falls, 1895,		13.79
Portchester, 1895,		15.02
Total,		$127.37

The Treasurer of the Trustees of Presbytery presented a report, which was accepted and referred to the Committee on Finance. It is as follows: Fall Stated Meeting, Oct. 8, 1895.

Disbursements.

Rev. Joseph H. Folsom, Adams Fund,	$20.00

Cash on hand.

Interest on Milne Fund,	$375.00
" Adams Fund,	20.00
" income,	1.48
Total,	$396.48

On motion, it was ordered that only postal card notices be issued for regular meetings, and only what can be put on a postal be printed.

On motion, it was ordered that when Presbytery adjourn, it adjourn to meet in the First Presbyterian Church, Yonkers, N. Y., Thursday, October 24, 1895, at 10 A. M.

The following persons were placed in nomination as delegates to the Synod:

Ministers.— Oliver S. Dean, Charles E. Allison, Richard P. H. Vail, William B. Waller, Theodore L. Van Norden, George R. Cutting, Irving E. White, Manfred P. Welcher, Frank F. Blessing, Charles S. Lane, Henry R. White, Frank A. Wales, Thornton M. Niven, John H. Trussell.

Elders.— Sanford R. Knapp, Henry M. Lester, Theodore Gilman, Clarence L. Reid, William H. Parsons, David F. Hollister, Joseph Barrett, Ralph E. Prime, Benjamin Weed, Warren S. Paddock, Hezekiah King, George W. Banks, Orson W. Sloat, Perrine E. Reid.

Elder Edward Wells announced that the Trustees of the Mission House, New York City, had granted to the Presbytery of Westchester the use of the assembly room for the intermediate meetings; and, on motion, it was ordered that the January Intermediate Meeting be held there.

An invitation was received from the First Church of Peekskill, N. Y., for the Spring Stated Meeting. It was accepted with thanks.

The committee to declare the pulpit of the Pound Ridge Church vacant (p. 444) reported that he had done so on July 11th.

The committee to install Rev. Frank F. Blessing pastor of the Scarborough Church (p. 442) reported the discharge

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of the duty in accordance with the directions of Presbytery, Rev. Rollin A. Sawyer, alternate, charging the people.

The committee to declare the pulpit of the Bedford Church vacant (p. 441) reported the discharge of that duty.

The committee to install Rev. Alvah G. Fessenden pastor of the Mt. Kisco Church (p. 442) reported the discharge of that duty according to the directions of Presbytery.

The Committee on Unpaid Assessments (p. 439) presented a report, which was accepted; and, in the absence of both members, Rev. Robert P. Gibson and Elder Edwin A. Slosson were appointed to confer with the pastor of the Hartford Church about its unpaid assessments.

The Committee on the Minutes of General Assembly presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Your committee would call attention to the following action of the General Assembly:

1. No action was taken on the overtures of this Presbytery in regard (*a*) to a Special Presbyterian Day, and (*b*) on the reduction of expenses of the Boards (pp. 75 and 78).

2. Administration of the Lord's Supper.

(*a*) Churches urged not to adopt the individual communion cup (p. 75).

(*b*) "Unfermented fruit of the wine fulfills every condition in the administration of the sacrament" (p. 101).

3. Overture on "Differences between Judicatories" adopted as part of Book of Discipline (p. 107).

4. A sermon need not be preached at the ordination of a minister during the sessions of Presbytery (p. 75).

5. A Session may appoint as clerk one who is not a member of the Session (p. 136).

6. A Year-Book of the Deliverances of the General Assembly and the Work of the Boards to be printed (p. 118).

7. The Chicago "Plan of Systematic and Proportionate Giving" recommended to ministers and elders (p. 85).

8. A new schedule of apportionments between the Boards (p. 103).

9. "Ministers of such churches as do not take collections for the Boards of the church are to be called on by their Presbyteries to give their reasons therefor" (p. 85).

10. Attention is called to the following special seasons of prayer:

(*a*) The date of Day of Prayer for Colleges is changed to the second Sabbath of January, and is to be observed as Education Day (pp. 76 and 118).

(*b*) The churches are recommended to set apart the prayer-meeting on the last Wednesday in October for emphasizing the subject of Sabbath Observance (p. 23).

(c) The week April 7–14 was "appointed as a special season of prayer for Missions" (p. 64).

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The Committee on Foreign Missions presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

We recommend that Presbytery urge upon every church the importance of contributing to the work of Foreign Missions, of observing the monthly concert of prayer, of training and encouraging the children and youth in the Sabbath-schools and societies in the work, and of increasing the circulation of missionary literature, especially of *The Church at Home and Abroad* and *The Assembly Herald*, the organs of our church.

We further recommend that, according to the resolution adopted by the last General Assembly, our churches observe the week beginning April 7th next as a special season of prayer for missions in the church and family.

Rev. John Tatlock was received by letter of dismission from the Presbytery of Troy, and it was ordered that his name be enrolled.

A communication from the chairman of a committee appointed by the Presbytery of Boston to consider the propriety of erecting a new Synod in the New England States was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

On motion, Licentiate Richard F. Chambers was dismissed to the Presbytery of Iowa.

Rev. William B. Waller was appointed on the Committee on Young People's Societies, in the place of Rev. Joseph F. Folsom, removed from the Presbytery.

The Committee on Education presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Amount contributed in 1895 is $690, as compared with $628 in 1894. During past ten years the number of candidates enrolled by the Board has increased from 619 to 1032, while the contributions to it remain about the same. With no increase in funds, the increased number of students could only be aided by decreasing the amount to each. To aid these students to the full amount given years ago would require the $150,000 which General Assembly asked the churches to contribute to the Board. But the Board has not had faith to that extent (probably General Assembly did not expect them to have), and has already voted that the appropriation to each student for the current year shall be the same as last year, $80. But to make up even this diminished and meagre pittance the contributions of the churches, our churches, must be largely increased, for the receipts of the Board last year were swelled by legacies to an unusual amount ($33,000), of which $23,000 came from the Stuart estate, and cannot be expected again.

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Your committee recommend the granting of the usual aid to Nicholas Schmeckenbecker, whose name has been changed to Nicholas S. Becker, and also to Albert B. Scofield, whenever the requirements of the Board shall have been complied with.

It was ordered that the name of Nicholas Schmeckenbecker be changed on our roll to Nicholas S. Becker.

The Committee on Publication and Sabbath-School Work presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Your committee recommend that members of Sessions and Sabbath-school officers endeavor, if their schools are contributing chiefly for self-support, to secure, if possible, church support and the instruction of the children in lines of missionary interest and activity.

Your committee would also recommend that pastors and superintendents inform those under their charge of the offer of the Board to present Oxford Bibles to children learning and reciting the Catechism, and that those having charge of new schools be informed of the offer of a free library on the part of the Board.

Your committee recommend that neighboring Sunday-schools hold occasionally, at least, district conventions

Your committee would also recommend the distribution, through agency of the 7,721 Sunday-school members under Presbytery's care, of a wholesome temperance literature, and of such leaflets as those published by the American Tract Society.

The Committee on Freedmen presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Your committee would recommend that the Presbytery commend the Ladies' Societies for their good work during the past year, and urge that there be a continuation in the same direction, and that all the churches, Sabbath-schools, and Young People's Societies be urged to give this cause their earnest and prayerful consideration to the end that the Board's receipts may be increased, the present work continued, and new work undertaken in places where it is needed.

The Committee on Temperance presented its report, which was accepted, and is as follows:

From the reports, we gather that the pastors of this Presbytery, as a rule, are faithful in keeping before the people the character of intemperance as a sin and crime. Not from every pulpit in the Presbytery is the subject preached, but from many it is. In almost every church where the Christian Endeavor has taken hold some substantial work is being done by the young people, and it would be hard to find a church within our bounds in which none of its members were busy in seeking to enforce the law of the land bearing upon this subject. No feature of the liquor trade is so demoralizing as that which also offends the law of the land.

We have temperance societies and temperance guilds and other temperance organizations in almost all the churches, and temperance is

abstractly taught. It is open to serious doubt if all these do more than show how we stand on this great question. The ministrations of the pulpit never reach those who stand in direst need. We certainly need to make our work more practical, more personal, and to be willing as Christians to go about and find these sinners wherever they are, and win them to the only real Helper who can give them strength to resist the temptation and the sin. A resolve of this Presbytery that the Christians of our churches be urged to make their temperance work more practical and more personal, and to treat drunkenness not only as a crime against the law of the land, but as a sin against God, salvation from which must be found in believing, and that the sinner must be sought and this way of escape carried to him where he is, will be well done if those in attendance at this meeting of Presbytery will take it home with them to the churches and enforce this privilege and duty upon all Christian people therein. Fall Stated Meeting, Oct. 8, 1895.

The Committee on the Expenses of Administration of the Boards (p. 440), with the exception of Elder Thomas G. Ritch, who did not act, presented a report, which was accepted.

Pending its consideration Presbytery took a recess until 2.30 P. M.

Closed with prayer.

TUESDAY, 2.30 P. M.

Presbytery reassembled, and was opened with prayer.

The first order, the election of delegates to the Synod, was then taken up, and the following were appointed tellers:

Votes for Ministers. — Rev. Will A. Babbit and Elder John K. Myers.

Votes for Elders. — Rev. Oliver S. Dean and Elder Charles E. Harvey.

On notice, Mr. John B. Appel was received by letter of dismission from the Presbytery of New Brunswick as a candidate for the ministry, and it was ordered that his name be enrolled.

The Stated Clerk was directed to provide ballot-boxes for the use of Presbytery, and that the election of commissioners to General Assembly and delegates to Synod take place during the recess under the direction of the Stated Clerk.

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The Committee on Presbyterial Visitation presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Your committee recount that visits were made in the name of Presbytery with the following churches: Darien, Greenwich 1st, New Rochelle, Mt. Vernon 1st, Peekskill 1st, Gilead, and Yorktown. Gratifying statements have been received concerning them. In two instances conversions occurred; in all the churches were edified; a fine dividend for the output.

The Day of Prayer was observed at the stated time, November 13th, in the fellowship and with the hospitality of our church at New Rochelle. Unless otherwise ordered arrangements will be made for its repetition in November, 1895.

The Committee on Ministerial Relief presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Of our 39 churches, 35 contributed to the Board. The four non-contributing are Throgg's Neck, Portchester, Greenwich, and Hastings The total amount of gifts, including the value of a box from the Second Church of Peekskill, is $1,331.68. Four churches contributed which had never given to this cause before. This is a decided advance, but we are anxious that the remaining four non-contributing should make an offering for this cause.

We, therefore, urge upon the pastors and Sessions, especially upon the elders, of our 39 churches to see that each congregation has an opportunity to give to the Board of Ministerial Relief.

Rev. Harris Ely Adriance presented a request for the dissolution of pastoral relation existing between himself and the Huguenot Memorial Church of Pelham Manor, N. Y. The commissioners from the church and congregation were heard, who stated that the church with regret acquiesced in the request. After expressions of regard and regret by members of Presbytery, the request was granted to take effect after October 13th.

Rev. Charles E. Lindsley was appointed to declare the pulpit vacant at the convenience of himself and the church.

The Committee on Young People's Societies presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Whereas, Certain overtures have been by our last General Assembly referred to a special committee to consider what action should be taken concerning the formation of a denominational league, to be known as the Westminster League; therefore, be it

Resolved, 1. That we, as a Presbytery, express the hope that no such league shall be formed unless it shall be known as ——— League of Christian Endeavor;

2. That no action shall be taken designed to interfere with interdenominational fellowship or the present method of presbyterial oversight of Young People's Societies.

3. And that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Assembly's special committee above referred to.

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The tellers presented their reports, and the following were declared elected delegates to the Synod:

PRINCIPALS.

Ministers.	*Elders.*
Oliver S. Dean.	William H. Parsons.
Richard P. H. Vail.	Ralph E. Prime.
Charles S. Lane.	Sanford R. Knapp.
William B. Waller.	David F. Hollister.
Thornton M. Niven.	Henry M. Lester.
Manfred P. Welcher.	Benjamin Weed.
George R. Cutting.	George W. Banks.

ALTERNATES.

Irving E. White.	Joseph Barrett.
Frank F. Blessing.	Theodore Gilman.
Theodore L. Van Norden.	Perrine E. Reid.
Charles E. Allison.	Orson W. Sloat.
Frank A. Wales.	Clarence L. Reid.
John H. Trussell.	Hezekiah King.
Henry R. White.	Warren S. Paddock.

Mr. Alfred Edward Lewis, a member of the Rye Church, applied for a license from Presbytery as a local evangelist. He was examined as to his piety and motives by the moderator, and the Committee on Examinations were directed to conduct the examinations required by Constitutional Rule No. 1.

Rev. Charles E. Knox was heard concerning the work of the German Theological Seminary of Bloomfield, N. J.

The Committee on Sessional Records presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Your committee recommends:

1. That the records of the following be approved without exception: New Rochelle, Bridgeport 1st, Huguenot Memorial, Darien, Greenburgh, Bedford, Mt. Vernon 1st, Hartford, and Irvington.

2. That the following be approved with exceptions: Mt. Kisco and Rye.

The Committee on Examinations reported that they had examined Mr. Lewis as to his aptness to teach and his knowledge of the Scriptures, and recommended that his examination be sustained. Adopted.

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It was ordered that Mr. Lewis be licensed as a local evangelist; that it take place at the evening service, and that the Moderator and Stated Clerk be authorized to provide a form therefor.

Presbytery resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee on the Expenses of Administration of the Boards (p. 453), and the committee received permission to amend the report by the insertion of additional matter. On motion the report, with its recommendations, was adopted. It is as follows:

At a meeting of Presbytery in Stamford, October, 1894, a committee was appointed under the following resolution:

"WHEREAS, It is matter of common remark that a larger proportion of the contributions of the churches for benevolent work is used in the expenses of administration than is profitable, wise, or necessary,

"*Resolved*, That a special committee of three be appointed to examine and report to Presbytery the facts, and whether greater economy in administration can be obtained, and if so to prepare and report to Presbytery a suitable overture or memorial to General Assembly."

The committee presented its report at the January meeting in New York and recommended that Presbytery send an overture to General Assembly asking for the appointment of a committee to inquire into this matter. The report was laid over to the Spring meeting. At that meeting in Mount Vernon, in April, 1895, the report was adopted and the overture sent to General Assembly. The overture was accompanied, however, by a note, added at that meeting to satisfy some, who felt that Presbytery ought not to bind itself to the absolute statement of so many details. The note was to the effect that while the figures of the report might not be exact in every detail, they were substantially true and that Presbytery felt the appearance to be such as to justify the inquiry of General Assembly. General Assembly, on the motion of Committee on Bills and Overtures, threw out the overture, basing its action on the idea that this note was a reversal of all that had been said in the report itself, which had been sent to General Assembly with the overture. Your present committee is satisfied that the Committee on Bills and Overtures, and through them, General Assembly entirely misapprehended the meaning and bearing of this note. What it said was true and is true. No report of such a nature could be drawn up with regard to which any prudent man would certify absolute accuracy to a cent. But the difference of a few dollars or a few thousand dollars or the fraction of a per cent. would make no difference whatever with the claim of the report that the cost of administration appeared to be excessive. At the June meeting of Presbytery in New York it was felt that General Assembly's treatment of Presbytery's overture had been rather summary and the former committee was reappointed and enlarged.

We now present our report, practically the same as before, but with the figures of the latest reports of the boards in addition to those previously given. We ask the careful attention of Presbytery to the single point made by the committee, which in previous discussions has been often lost sight of or misapprehended. We make no charges

against any boards or any officer of any board. The committee would like to have it distinctly understood that this report casts no imputation on the honesty or fidelity of any board or any officer. We believe them all to be worthy of the hearty support of the churches; and the sole purpose of this report is to still further increase their efficiency. We do not make the sweeping charge that the boards, in general, cost too much. We are well aware that there may be many facts and explanations lying back, which have not come within the view of this committee, and that might put an entirely different aspect on the whole matter, or upon the state of the case with regard to any particular board. We have only taken the printed reports of the Boards, and we say that the statements in these reports, made by the Boards themselves, look as if the cost of administration were excessive. In our judgment, that is the impression that the reports must make on any one who will examine them carefully; that being so, we propose to ask General Assembly to find out whether the cost is really as excessive as it appears to be. If it is not, if these expenditures are shown by that more careful inquiry to be only what is just and reasonable and necessary for the best prosecution of the work, then this inquiry of General Assembly would leave the boards in a better position and more commended than ever to the sturdy business common sense of the church. But if what appears upon the surface proves true, that the cost of administration is greater than it ought to be, certainly that ought to be known and acted on. We dwell on this for we are anxious to hold the attention of Presbytery to this one point: the facts presented in this report are facts; they are undeniable; they are printed as the facts by the Boards of the church; and it appears to us that these items of expense, that this per cent. of receipts expended in administration as stated by the boards themselves, is excessive; and if that is the impression made by the facts the boards themselves give us, it ought to be inquired into. The committee has not included in its examination either the Home Mission or the Foreign Mission Board. This was in accordance with the idea expressed in Presbytery at the time the original motion was passed, which we believe to be, as it ought to be, the prevailing idea in the church, and frequently expressed by business men outside the church, that these great boards are managed with rare fidelity and skill and at a marvelously low cost. Fall Stated Meeting, Oct. 8, 1895.

We present, then, the following facts, which are substantially the treasurers' reports of the various boards, summarized into a few general items in order that they may be more easily and fully grasped.

MINISTERIAL RELIEF.

Receipts.	1895.	1894.
Churches, sabbath-schools, etc.,	$101,456.68	$89,034.64
Interest,	70,149.86	62,969.21
	$171,606.54	$152,003.85
Expenses.		
Salaries (including annuity to retired officer),	$7,800.00	$7,800.00
Printing and postage,	1,410.15	1,029.23
Travel and incidentals,	917.10	1,063.39
	$10,127.25	$9,892.62
Cost of administration,	5.9%	6.5%

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AID FOR FREEDMEN.

Receipts.	1895.	1894.
Churches, etc.,	$113,927.85	$112,063.69
Legacies and interest,	59,122.31	75,808.46
	$173,050.16	$187,872.15
Expenses.		
Salaries,	$7,965.00	$7,198.66
Postage and printing,	3,065.62	3,554.54
Insurance, discount, etc.,	2,765.84	5,904.47
Travel, etc.,	710.36	901.00
	$14,506.82	$17,558.67
Cost of administration,	8.4%	9.34%

EDUCATION.

Receipts.	1895.	1894.
Churches, etc.,	$50,901.29	$49,222.10
Legacies,	33,366.08	63,030.62
Interest,	12,996.07	9,985.30
	$97,263.44	$122,238.02
Invested in permanent fund,		29,100.00
Actual working income,		$93,138.02
Expenses.		
Salaries,	$8,473.00	$7,342.41
Printing and postage,	1,628.06	1,557.97
Travel, etc.,	786.06	543.93
	$10,887.12	$9,444.31
Amount paid to students,	$79,161.68	$84,357.88

In other words, while it required last year $9,400 to distribute $84,000; this year it took $10,800 to distribute $79,000. Every item of this summary in the expense account is larger than last year, the actual working income is larger, the amount paid to aid students is smaller.

	1895.	1894.
Upon total income expenses are,		7.72%
Upon actual working income expenses are,	11.2%	10.24%

AID FOR COLLEGES.

Receipts.	1895.	1894.
Churches, etc.,	$38,673.31	$41,803.39
Legacies and interest,	9,240.66	3,913.08
Direct,	71,713.37	
	$119,627.34	$45,716.47
Actual receipts,	$47,913.97	$45,716.47
Expenses.		
Salaries,	$6,465.00	$6,250 00
Printing and postage,	2,782.75	2,543.59
Travel, etc.,	2,194.73	2,005.76
	$11,442.48	$10,799.35

The Board reports among receipts an item called "Direct" amounting to $70,000, which did not appear in the Treasurer's tabulated

statement for the preceding year. We understand this to mean amounts contributed by churches or individuals, chiefly the latter, and sent directly to various institutions but not passing through the treasury of the Board, although reported to the Board. Such contributions of course are a matter of interest to the Presbyterian Church, and ought to be reported, but we cannot understand the system of book-keeping which reckons as receipts what has not been received. We do not see how such an item can make a part of the Board's income on which to reckon the cost of administration. Deducting this amount we have for the actual receipts of the Board for the year, $47,913.97. Fall Stated Meeting, Oct. 8, 1895.

Unlike most of the Boards, this Board frequently carries a considerable balance from one year to another, being sums in treasury appropriated but not expended. Allowing for this it probably makes the fairest showing to reckon the cost of administration upon the amount actually received during the year, as is done with all the Boards.

	1895.	1894.
Cost of administration, ...	22.5%	23.6%

CHURCH ERECTION.

Receipts.	1895.	1894.
Churches, etc., ...	$51,582.89	$53,635.62
Legacies, ...	37,358.13	16,801.27
Interest, ...	8,262.92	13,437.89
Other sources, ...	6,191.40	11,013.34
	$103,395.34	$94,888.12
Expenses.		
Salaries, ...	$10,107.00	$9,899.33
Printing and postage, ...	1,782.60	1,981.65
Travel, etc., ...	1,178.66	1,285.73
	$13,068.26	$13,166.71
Cost of administration, ...	12.64%	13.87%

It ought to be remembered that the operations of this Board through the Loan fund and the Manse fund are larger and more complicated than appears in the above tabulated view, so that while this presents the cost of administration in a manner exactly similar to that used for the other Boards the per cent of costs ought to be somewhat larger for this Board. At the same time it startles us to find ten per cent. of the actual direct receipts used for salaries alone.

PUBLICATION AND SABBATH-SCHOOL WORK.

MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT.

Receipts.	1895.	1894.
Churches, etc., ...	$97,518.41	$93,562.08
Interest, etc., ...	7,937.94	6,730.30
Profits of business department, . .	24,533.23	23,870.33
	$129,989.58	$124,112.71
Expenses.		
Salaries, ...	$9,777.39	$9,253.43
Printing and postage, ...	3,398.64	3,364.16
Children's Day, ...	13,215.64	9,326.10
Travel, etc., ...	3,001.85	3,016.50
	$29,393.52	$24,960.19

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The Board in the current report renews its claim repeatedly made that the contributions of the churches and Sabbath-schools do not go for expenses of administration but directly into the work itself, that the Board does not only not cost the Church anything, but for every dollar received actually puts a dollar and some cents into the work. This claim is based on the amount received from the Business Department as two-thirds of its profits. We do not see how this claim can be made this year for the amount received from the Business Department fell short of what we estimate the expenses to be by nearly $5,000. Probably the Board would foot up the expenses differently and it may easily be that one or two small items should be entered differently, but we do not see how any fair showing of the expenses can be much different. From a letter received from the Secretary of the Board we suppose the Board would not count Children's Day expenses as a part of the cost of administration, but what else are they? The exercises sent out for Children's Day are certainly in the nature of an advertisement intended to secure large contributions for the Board; and even if emphasis be laid, as by the Secretary, on the educational value of these exercises we do not see how they differ from the leaflets sent out by other Boards for extending information with regard to their work and unhesitatingly charged to the cost of administration.

Besides this, it is to be noticed that the Missionary Department paid to the Business Department $17,830.52; so that the addition to the funds of the Missionary Department by the contributions from the Business Department is largely fictitious, a matter of book-keeping, more than two-thirds of the amount paid into the treasury of the Missionary Department by the Business Department having previously been paid out of the treasury of the Missionary Department into the Business Department. It is all right if any one wants to do it that way, but we see no particular gain. The cost of administration, even upon the receipts enlarged by the double entry of this item, was 22.6 per cent against 20.1 per cent. last year. Upon the actual receipts it was 26.2 per cent. against 24.9 per cent. last year.

Our inquiry ought also to include the

BUSINESS DEPARTMENT.

Receipts.	1895.	1894.
Interest and rent,	$4,204.91	$4,044.01
Sales of books,	91,350.72	94,689.88
Periodicals,	178,779.04	156,765.76
	$274,334.67	$255,499.65
Expenses,	$251,216.60	$212,418.17

We make no pretense of examining or passing upon the conduct of the business, for the report, abbreviated as it is in order to keep information from business competitors, affords no sufficient data. The salary list, however, forces itself on our attention.

Secretary (⅔), ⅓ paid by Miss. Dept., making salary $4,500,	$3,000.00
Editorial Superintendent,	4,000.00
Business Superintendent,	4,000.00
Manufacturer,	1,965.28
Treasurer (⅔), ⅓ paid by Miss. Dept, making salary $2,500,	1,666.66
Recording Clerk,	300.00
Salesmen, etc.,	24,349.87
	$39,281.81
Salaries in Missionary Department,	9,777.39
	$49,059.20

We are aware that the whole matter of the management of this Board has been reviewed by General Assembly within a few years, and that the position of manufacturer was added at that time We are also aware of the fact that the Standing Committee on this Board, at the last Assembly in Pittsburgh, expressed the "liveliest satisfaction" with the careful "business methods and economy of administration" of this Board, and that this report was adopted by standing vote of the Assembly. The language seems singularly apt in view of the overture from this Presbytery that was before General Assembly; but, on the other hand, we cannot make out how such expressions accord with the plain statements of the printed reports. We cannot rid ourselves of the idea that a salary list of $39,000, aside from what is paid for printing, binding, etc., is somewhat large for a business of this size. We can but feel that the expense account makes a somewhat overloaded appearance, and one not calculated to produce the most favorable impression upon contributors, with a secretary at $4,500, two superintendents of different kinds at $4,000 each, another for the Missionary Department at the same price, a manufacturer at $2,500, a treasurer at $2,500, and an indefinite number of clerks and salesmen at a cost of nearly $25,000. Fall Stated Meeting, Oct. 8, 1895.

At any rate, these are the facts which we were instructed to set before you, and while we are not warranted in making absolute charges of any kind on the basis of such an examination as we have given, we are warranted in saying, and we think it is the natural impression these facts must make on a candid mind, that there appears to be an excessive cost of administration in more than one of these Boards. In the case of some it seems to us there can be no room for question that the cost of administration far exceeds what is wise, profitable, or necessary. We cannot believe that the salary list of any Board should be 10 per cent. of its total working income, as in the case of the Board of Church Erection. We cannot believe it is wise or right for any Board of the Church to cost for its running expenses from 20 to 25 per cent., as the Boards of Publication and Sabbath-school Work and Aid for Colleges do. We cannot see why it should cost $10,000 to distribute less than $80,000 among the young men preparing for the ministry. We doubt very much if all these smaller Boards need a full equipment of secretary at $4,000 or $5,000, treasurer at $1,500 to $2,500, one or more clerks or assistants at $1,000 or $2,000 each. In times like these, in any times, the money given for the Lord's work is a sacred trust, and ought to be so administered that there shall be no room for criticism, and every dollar, as far as possible, go directly into the work. And we say farther, not only that the cost appears excessive, but that it seems to us there is so much appearance of excess and that if there be any excess the matter is so serious as to justify the request on the part of this Presbytery that General Assembly make that complete and searching inquiry it alone can institute.

Possibly something could be gained by searching scrutiny and ruthless paring down expenses with the Boards as at present constituted. We believe, however, that even greater gains in economy are desirable and practicable than can be obtained in such ways. If two Boards could be consolidated without impairing the efficiency of the work, there would be the clear saving of one secretary's salary and a large reduction of office expenses. Why, for instance, could not the Boards of Education and Aid for Colleges be consolidated? Their work is kindred, so much the same that many intelligent officers of our churches do not always clearly distinguish them. Certainly the Board of Church Erection, and probably also the Board of Freedmen, as was originally intended, and the Missionary Department of the Board of Publication and Sabbath-school Work could be operated as depart-

ments of the Board of Home Missions, each under the care of a competent clerk and all under the general management of the Home Mission secretaries.

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It is to be remembered, however, that the expense of administration is not due to the separate Boards, composed, as they are, of ministers and elders who serve without pay, but to separate secretaries, separate treasurers, separate sets of clerks, etc. If it be any advantage to preserve, as advisory committees, these independent and inexpensive agencies, the Boards themselves, that could be arranged for while combining the executive and administrative parts, wherein the expense is. The actual consolidation of Boards appears to us the simpler plan and likely to prove more satisfactory. But some such arrangement as will preserve the separate Boards while combining the executive and treasury departments, may prove necessary on account of invested and trust funds. We do not discuss such a scheme, for it could only be put in operation by the General Assembly. We only suggest it as a possible solution of the problem which confronts us. The intricacies of the work certainly do not forbid such an arrangement, for at the present time these various lines of work on the foreign field are all carried on under direction of the one Board. We understand that some such condensation of Boards and elimination of expenses has already been put in operation by the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and we are informed by competent authority that no legal difficulties are in the way that could not be readily removed by special acts of legislature.

We present to you, brethren, this report, the result of our study and thought, with no little unwillingness. The task of fault-finding is ever an ungracious one; but we realize that these are facts which should be known, and that some means should speedily be devised by which this apparent waste of the Lord's money can be stopped.

We present the following recommendations:

First. That this report be forwarded to General Assembly as a memorial to explain the proposed overtures.

Second. That this Presbytery overture General Assembly, asking that a special committee of five be appointed for the following purposes:

1. To inquire whether any reduction of expenses is possible in the Boards of the Church aside from the Boards of Home and Foreign Missions.

2. To consider whether there would be gain in economy without loss of efficiency in consolidating some of the Boards; and to consult about the matter with the Boards concerned.

3. If such consolidation be deemed inadvisable, to consider by what means this greater economy can be gained.

4. To make full report on these points to the next General Assembly.

Third. That this report and its recommendations be printed and forwarded by the Stated Clerk to the Stated Clerks of the Presbyteries, with the request that these Presbyteries unite with us in making the proposed overture to General Assembly.

The Committee of Bills and Overtures presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Your committee, to whom was referred a communication from Rev. Gerhart A. Wilson, chairman of a committee of the Presbytery of Boston on the question of a division of the Presbytery of Westchester, and the erection of a Synod of New England to be composed of churches

on that soil, have had the subject under consideration and we report recommending that a committee of five members, three ministers and two elders, be appointed by the Moderator to confer with the committee of the Presbytery of Boston on the question proposed, and, if deemed expedient, to overture the General Assembly thereon. Fall Stated Meeting, Oct. 8, 1895.

The Moderator appointed the committee as follows:

Ministers — Richard P. H. Vail, Henry A. Davenport, Frederick A. M. Brown.

Elders — Benjamin Weed and Edward F. Parsons, M.D.

The Committee on Systematic Beneficence presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Your committee recommend:

1. That the Sessions of our churches be again and most earnestly requested to give their congregations the opportunity once a year to contribute to each board of the church, and that the work and claims of each board be annually explained to the people. If peculiar circumstances make it advisable not to urge these claims, the cause should at least be presented and the opportunity for contribution be given, as there may be some persons in the congregation interested in each of the boards.

2. That the Sessions be urged to consider prayerfully and earnestly some means whereby the large proportion of non-contributing members in our churches may be brought to realize their high privilege and plain duty in this matter.

3. That the Sessions be urged to secure the general circulation of the *Assembly Herald* in their congregations as a means of interesting the people in the work of the church and as a spur to more intelligent and liberal giving.

4. That the attention of such churches as distribute their contributions to the different Boards according to the apportionment recommended by the General Assembly be called to the new schedule of apportionment adopted by the last General Assembly.

5. That, in accordance with the directions of the General Assembly and Synod, pastors or the elders of churches which have not contributed to all our Boards be called upon at the Fall meeting to state the reason for such failure.

The committee appointed to confer with the pastor of the Hartford Church with reference to the unpaid assessments of that church (p. 450) presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Your committee learns that the Hartford Church is carrying a considerable burden of debt, that it suffered severely from the prolonged vacancy in its pastorate, that the nominal membership during the past few years has not afforded a proper basis for assessment, and that, therefore, the present financial condition renders the full payment of the arrears impracticable.

Your committee would, therefore, recommend that the church be absolved from payment of half the sum in arrears, provided that the obligation thus remaining be promptly met.

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Rev. Will A. Babbit was appointed a member of the Committee on Temperance in the place of Rev. Robert R. White, removed from the bounds of Presbytery.

The Presbytery then took a recess until 8 P. M.

Closed with prayer.

TUESDAY, 8 P. M.

Presbytery reassembled.

After devotional exercises the Sabbath question was discussed by the Moderator, Rev. Messrs. W. W. Breckenridge and Charles E. Knox, and Elders Ralph E. Prime and Edward Wells.

Mr. Alfred Edward Lewis, in accordance with the directions of Presbytery (p. 456), was licensed as a local evangelist within the bounds of the Presbytery.

Presbytery then resumed business.

Rev. Alvah G. Fessenden was appointed to draft the Narrative for the Spring Stated Meeting, and Rev. Will A. Babbit alternate.

Moderators of Sessions were appointed as follows:

Rev. Robert P. Gibson, North Salem.
Rev. Richard B. Mattice, Throggs Neck.
Rev. George William Knox, Portchester.
Rev. Oliver S. Dean, Patterson.
Rev. Charles E. Allison, Hastings 1st.
Rev. George William Knox, Rye.
Rev. Robert P. Gibson, Gilead.
Rev. James H. Hoyt, Bedford.
Rev. Theodore L. Van Norden, Pound Ridge.
Rev. Charles E. Lindsley, Huguenot Memorial.

The Sessions of these churches were granted leave to supply their pulpits until the next stated meeting of Presbytery.

The Committee on Finance presented a report, stating that they found the Treasurer's report correct and recommend its approval. With respect to the report of Treasurer of Trustees and the income from the Milne and Adams Funds, they had no recommendation to make. Adopted.

The Stated Clerk presented requests to be excused for absence from the following, and, on motion, they were excused: Fall Stated Meeting, Oct. 8, 1895.

Ministers.—R. Randall Hoes, Elias S. Schenck, Chauncey D. Rice, John T. Wills, David Laughlin, William G. Jenkins, James A. McWilliams, Wilson Phraner, Charles E. Lindsley, Anthony R. Macoubrey, John Reid, Irving E. White, Homer S. Newcomb, Talmon C. Perry, Adrian V. S. Wallace.

The Committee on Leave of Absence presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Your committee have granted leave to the following:
Ministers.—John Tatlock, Francis E. Smith, John H. Trussell, William N. Richie, Oliver S. Dean, Frank F. Blessing, Thornton M. Niven, Harris Ely Adriance, John A. Ingham, George R. Cutting, Rollin A. Sawyer, Henry R. White.
Elders.—Hezekiah King, John F. Bouton, William L. Odell, David F. Hollister, Daniel P. Townsend, C. Coles Dusenbury, Edwin A. Slosson.

The Roll was called and the following found to have withdrawn without leave:

Ministers—Frederick A. M. Brown, William B. Waller, Charles E. Allison, Richard B. Mattice, Theodore L. Van Norden.
Elders.—Charles E. Corwin, John K. Myers, Thomas F. Hope, Warren S. Paddock, John F. Barnecott, Alfred L. Manierre, John G. Clark.

The thanks of the Presbytery was extended to the pastor, session, trustees, and people of the Rye church for their hospitality.

The minutes of to-day's sessions were read and approved.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet in the First Church, Yonkers, N. Y., Thursday, October 24, 1895, at 10 A. M.

Closed with prayer.

W. J. CUMMING,
Stated Clerk.

RALPH E. PRIME,
Permanent Clerk.

OFFICERS OF PRESBYTERY.

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Moderator — Rev. J. Ritchie Smith, Peekskill, N. Y. *Stated Clerk and Treasurer* — Rev. William J. Cumming, Yorktown, N. Y. *Permanent Clerk* — Elder Ralph E. Prime, Yonkers, N. Y. *Temporary Clerk* — Rev. Arthur Requa, Noroton, Conn.

TRUSTEES.

Ministers — Rollin A. Sawyer, Richard P. H. Vail, Thornton M. Niven, William B. Waller.

Elders — Edward Wells (*Clerk*, *Peekskill*, *N. Y.*), Uriah Hill, William H. Parsons, Thomas G. Ritch (*Treasurer*, *Stamford*, *Conn.*), Benjamin Weed.

ROLL OF MINISTERS. October, 1895.

	Names.	*Addresses.*
1.	Adriance, Harris Ely	Pelham Manor, N. Y.
2.	Allen, Edward B.	Brewster, N. Y.
3.	Allison, Charles E.	Yonkers, N. Y.
4.	Babbit, Will A.	Katonah, N. Y.
5.	Baird, Henry M.	Yonkers, N. Y.
6.	Blessing, Frank F.	Scarborough, N. Y.
7.	Bowen, Marcellus	Constantinople, Turkey.
8.	Breckenridge, William Watson	55 Capitol Ave., Hartford, Conn.
9.	Brown, Christopher R.	52 Tichenor St., Newark, N. J.
10.	Brown, Frederick A. M	35 Hour St., New Haven, Conn.
11.	Cronmiller, Bruce Wallace (*Suspended*),	Loon Lake, N. Y.
12.	Cumming, William J.	Yorktown, N. Y.
13.	Cutting, George R.	Yonkers, N. Y.
14.	Davenport, Henry A.	296 Myrtle Ave., Bridgeport, Conn.
15.	Dean, Oliver S.	Patterson, N. Y.
16.	Dowd, Willis W.	
17.	Eddy, William K.	Sidon, Syria.
18.	Fessenden, Alvah G.	Mt. Kisco, N. Y.
19.	Gibson, Robert P.	Croton Falls, N. Y.
20.	Hoes, R. Randall	Navy Yard, Philadelphia, Pa.
21.	Holbrook, David A.	Sing Sing, N. Y.
22.	Hoyt, James H.	New Canaan, Conn.
23.	Ingham, John A.	Irvington, N. Y. [Conn.
24.	Jenkins, William G.	Deaf and Dumb Inst., Hartford,
25.	Knox, George William	Rye, N. Y.
26.	Lane, Charles S.	Mt. Vernon, N. Y. [Md.
27.	Laughlin, David	641 W. Lafayette Ave., Baltimore,
28.	Life, William	Rye, N. Y.
29.	Lindsley, Charles E.	New Rochelle, N. Y.
30.	Macoubrey, Anthony R.	White Plains, N. Y.
31.	Mattice, Richard B.	Westchester, N. Y.
32.	McWilliams, James A.	Sing Sing. N. Y.
33.	Miller, Alexander	Mahopac Falls, N. Y.
34.	Morse, Andrew B.	20 Pearl St., New Haven, Conn.
35.	Murdoch, David	Peekskill, N. Y.
36.	Newcomb, Homer S.	Patterson, N. Y.
37.	Niven, Thornton M.	Dobbs Ferry, N. Y.
38.	Perry, Talmon C.	La Prairie, Quebec.
39.	Phraner, Wilson	31 Orange St., E. Orange, N. J.
40.	Pond, Theodore S.	Barranquilla, Rep. of Colombo, S. A.
41.	Reid, John	Yonkers, N. Y.
42.	Requa, Arthur	Noroton, Conn.
43.	Rice, Chauncey D.	184 Macon St., Brooklyn, N. Y.
44.	Richie, William N.	Asbury Park, N. J.
45.	Sawyer, Rollin A.	Montclair, N. J.
46.	Schenck, Elias S.	Perth Amboy, N. J.
47.	Smith, Francis S.	New Rochelle, N. Y.
48.	Smith, J. Ritchie	Peekskill, N. Y.
49.	Tatlock, John	Pelham Manor, N. Y.
50.	Trussell, John H.	Brewster, N. Y.
51.	Upson, Charles E.	Milford, Conn.
52.	Vail, Richard P. H.	Stamford, Conn.
53.	Van Norden, Theodore L.	South Salem, N. Y.
54.	Wallace, Adrian V. S.	Thompsonville, Conn.

	Names.	*Addresses.*
October, 1895. 55.	Waller, William B.	New Rochelle, N. Y.
56.	Welcher, Manfred P.	Peekskill, N. Y.
57.	White, Henry R.	Pleasantville Station, N. Y.
58.	White, Irving E.	Peekskill, N. Y.
59.	Wills, John T.	Greenwich, Conn.
60.	Wales, Frank A.	Box 384, Chicopee, Mass.

ROLL OF RULING ELDERS.

Churches.	*Names.*	*P. O. Addresses.*
1. Bedford.		
	Clark, John G.	Bedford, N. Y.
	Williamson, Albert (*Clerk*)	Bedford, N. Y.
2 Bridgeport First.		
	Bullard, Edward P.	166 Park Ave., Bridgeport, Conn.
	Christie, George E.	63 Beach St., Bridgeport, Conn.
	Hollister, David F.	284 Myrtle Ave., Bridgeport, Conn.
	Kerr, Malcolm T.	67 West Ave., Bridgeport, Conn.
	Keys, R. Melvil	42 Sherwood Ave., Bridgeport, Conn.
3. * Croton Falls.		
	Abrams, George W.	Croton Falls, N. Y.
	Chamberlain, Albert	Croton Falls, N. Y.
	Moses, Jabez H.	Croton Falls, N. Y.
	(Rev. Robert P. Gibson, *Clerk.*)	
4. Darien.		
	Bishop, Sands S.	Noroton Heights, Conn.
	Jones, James C.	Noroton Heights, Conn.
	Shaw, James A.	Noroton, Conn.
	Weed, Benjamin (*Clerk*)	Noroton, Conn.
5. Gilead.		
	Cornish, Samuel G.	Carmel, N. Y.
	Foster, William H. (*Clerk*)	Carmel, N. Y.
	Reed, George E.	Carmel, N. Y.
6. Greenburgh.		
	Conklin, Joseph	Dobbs Ferry, N. Y.
	King, Hezekiah	Dobbs Ferry, N. Y.
	Norris, Luther W. P.	Dobbs Ferry, N. Y.
	Wheeler, Jacob T.	Hastings-on-Hudson, N. Y.
	Wilde, Robert L. (*Clerk*)	Dobbs Ferry, N. Y.
7. * Greenwich First.		
	Cristy, Edward B.	Greenwich, Conn.
	Knapp, Edwin A. (*Clerk*)	Greenwich, Conn.
	Rennie, George T.	Greenwich, Conn.
	Waterbury, Walter S.	Greenwich, Conn.
8. Hartford.		
	Johnson, John (*Clerk*)	10 Affleck St., Hartford, Conn.
	Stockwell, William H.	Cannon, Conn.
	Watson, Alexander	32 Lincoln St., Hartford, Conn.
	Westwood, Frederick R.	54 Benton St., Hartford, Conn.

	Churches.	*Names.*	*P. O. Addresses.*
9.	* Hastings First.		
		Nelson, Irving F. (*Clerk*)	Hastings-on-Hudson, N. Y. October, 1895.
		Reid, Perrine E.	Hastings-on-Hudson, N. Y.
10.	Huguenot Memorial.		
		Carson, David I. (*Clerk*)	Pelham Manor, N. Y.
		Dey, John H.	Pelham Manor, N. Y.
		Johnston, Nathan	Eastchester, N. Y. City.
11.	Irvington.		
		Burnham, W. Addison	Irvington, N. Y.
		Kendall, George M.	Irvington, N. Y.
		McDonald, R. A.	Irvington, N. Y.
		Terry, John T.	Irvington, N. Y.
		(Rev. John A. Ingham, *Clerk.*)	
12.	Katonah.		
		Barrett, Joseph	Katonah, N. Y.
		Chapman, J. Francis, M.D. (*Clerk*)	Katonah, N. Y.
13.	* Mahopac Falls.		
		Card, Edson, M.D.	Lake Mahopac, N. Y.
		Dusenbury, C. Coles	Lake Mahopac, N. Y.
		Kennard, James F.	Baldwin Place, N. Y.
		Lounsbury, Robert W.	Tompkins Corners, N. Y.
		Wright, Erving	Mahopac Falls, N. Y.
		(Rev. Alexander Miller, *Clerk.*)	
14.	Mt. Kisco.		
		Banks, George W.	Mt. Kisco, N. Y.
		Banks, Joseph	Mt. Kisco, N. Y.
		Crane, Joseph H.	Mt. Kisco, N. Y.
		Horton, Frank N. (*Clerk*)	Mt. Kisco, N. Y.
		Platt, Ebenezer G.	Mt. Kisco, N. Y.
		Smith, David E.	Mt. Kisco, N. Y.
15.	Mt. Vernon First.		
		Blakeman, A. Noel (*Clerk*)	160 S. 9th Ave., Mt. Vernon, N. Y.
		Carlyle, Hugh	119 Cottage Ave., Mt. Vernon, N. Y.
		Doolittle, Judson A.	102 Valentine St., Mt. Vernon, N. Y.
		Halsey, William McD.	210 S. 5th Ave., Mt. Vernon, N. Y.
		Irwin, John	144 S. 1st Ave., Mt. Vernon, N. Y.
		Wilcox, Ransom E.	44 N. 9th Ave., Mt. Vernon, N. Y.
16.	New Haven First.		
		Corwin, Charles E.	122 Howe St., New Haven, Conn.
		Gardiner, Archibald	Carlisle St., New Haven, Conn.
		Owens, Jerome	Winthrop Ave., New Haven, Conn.
		Petrie, George (*Clerk*)	92 George St., New Haven, Conn.

	Churches.	*Names.*	*P. O. Addresses.*
October, 1895.	17.	* New Rochelle.	
		Lester, Henry M.	New Rochelle, N. Y.
		Myers, James	New Rochelle, N. Y.
		Myers, John K. (*Clerk*)	New Rochelle, N. Y.
		Offord, John A.	New Rochelle, N. Y.
		Renoud, David E.	New Rochelle, N. Y.
		Ross, John G.,	New Rochelle, N. Y.
	18.	* New Rochelle Second.	
		Brown, Joseph T.	New Rochelle, N. Y.
		Elliott, Walter M.	New Rochelle, N. Y.
		Harvey, Charles E.	New Rochelle, N. Y.
		Parker, Horace J.	New Rochelle, N. Y.
	19.	* North Salem.	
		Benedict, G. Charles (*Clerk*)	Salem Centre, N. Y.
		Eggleston, James O.	Salem Centre, N. Y.
	20.	* Patterson.	
		Gerow, James C.	Patterson, N. Y.
		Merritt, James A. (*Clerk*)	Patterson, N. Y.
		Sloat, Orson W.	Patterson, N. Y.
	21.	Peekskill First.	
		Hill, Uriah, Jr.	Peekskill, N. Y.
		Knapp, Sanford R. (*Clerk*)	Peekskill, N. Y.
		Mabie, William	Peekskill, N. Y.
		Pugsley, Cornelius A.	Peekskill, N. Y.
		Requa, Frank	Peekskill, N. Y.
		Stewart, Thomas M.	Peekskill, N. Y.
		Wells, Edward	Peekskill, N. Y.
	22.	Peekskill Second.	
		Clinton, Morris E.	Peekskill, N. Y.
		Decatur, Jacob R.	Peekskill, N. Y.
		Frost, Milton (*Clerk*)	Peekskill, N. Y.
		Knight, Charles C., M.D.	Peekskill, N. Y.
		McDonald, Joseph H.	Peekskill, N. Y.
	23.	Pleasantville.	
		Benedict, William	Pleasantville, N. Y.
		Brown, Willett C.	Pleasantville, N. Y.
		Nelson, David (*Clerk*)	Pleasantville, N. Y.
	24.	Portchester.	
		Miller, John (*Clerk*)	Portchester, N. Y.
		Scofield, William H.	Portchester, N. Y.
		Townsend, Daniel P.	Portchester, N. Y.
	25.	* Pound Ridge.	
		Miller, Henry	Pound Ridge, N. Y.
		Rockwell, John C.	Pound Ridge, N. Y.
		Schofield, Albert B.	Pound Ridge, N. Y.
		Schofield, Edwin T.	Pound Ridge, N. Y.
	26.	* Rye.	
		Corning, Jasper E.	Rye, N. Y.
		Matthews, William (*Clerk*)	Harrison, N. Y.
		Parsons, Henry	Rye, N. Y.
		Parsons, William H.	Rye, N. Y.
		Whittemore, Edward P. (*Clerk*)	Rye, N. Y.
	27.	Scarborough.	
		Manierre, Alfred L.	Scarborough, N. Y.
		Lee, Francis Asbury (*Clerk*)	Scarborough, N. Y.

	Churches.	*Names.*	*P. O. Addresses.*	
28.	Sing Sing.			October, 1895.
		Brown, Theodore F.	Sing Sing, N. Y.	
		Cady, Stanton (*Clerk*)	Sing Sing, N. Y.	
		Cumming, Horace U.	Sing Sing, N. Y.	
		Holbrook, Henry C.	Sing Sing, N. Y.	
		Lockwood, Rodney S.	Sing Sing, N. Y.	
		Miller, John F.	Sing Sing, N. Y.	
		Provost, Daniel E.	Sing Sing, N. Y.	
		Truesdell, John P.	Sing Sing, N. Y.	
		Young, Frank L.	Sing Sing, N. Y.	
29.	*South East.			
		Johnson, Walter C.	Brewster, N. Y.	
		Lawrence, Thomas S. (*Clerk*)	Brewster, N. Y.	
30.	*South East Centre.			
		Cole, George	Brewster, N. Y.	
		Everett, Benjamin D.	Brewster, N. Y.	
		Lobdell, Alexander F.	Brewster, N. Y.	
		Paddock, Warren S. (*Clerk*)	Brewster, N. Y.	
		Parker, George G.	Brewster, N. Y.	
31.	South Salem.			
		Bouton, John F.	South Salem, N. Y.	
		Gilbert, Thomas	South Salem, N. Y.	
		Hull, George E. (*Clerk*)	South Salem, N. Y.	
		St. John, Henry L.	South Salem, N. Y.	
		Webster, Joseph A.	South Salem, N. Y.	
32.	Stamford First.			
		Begent, Louis S.	Stamford, Conn.	
		Dolsen, Charles B.	Stamford, Conn.	
		Hobbie, Moses M.	Stamford, Conn.	
		Pierson, Samuel, M.D.	Stamford, Conn.	
		Reid, Clarence L.	Stamford, Conn.	
		Ritch, Thomas G. (*Clerk*)	Stamford, Conn.	
		Smith, Walter M.	Stamford, Conn.	
		Soule, George H.	Stamford, Conn.	
33.	Thompsonville.			
		Brainard, David	Thompsonville, Conn.	
		Brainard, Horace K.	Thompsonville, Conn.	
		Morrison, James	Thompsonville, Conn.	
		Parsons, Edward F., M.D. (*Clerk*)	Thompsonville, Conn.	
		Parsons, Shubael	Thompsonville, Conn.	
		Sloane, Andrew	Thompsonville, Conn.	
34.	*Throgg's Neck.			
		Barnecott, John F.	Westchester, N. Y.	
		Randall, Charles H.	Westchester, N. Y.	
		(Rev. Richard B. Mattice, *Clerk*)		
35.	White Plains.			
		Hart, Monmouth G.	White Plains, N. Y.	
		Kingsley, Orrin D., M.D.	White Plains, N. Y.	
		Rowe, Arthur C.	White Plains, N. Y.	
		Slosson, Edwin A. (*Clerk*)	White Plains, N. Y.	
		Sniffen, Elijah C.	White Plains, N. Y.	
		Wilson, Samuel H.	White Plains, N. Y.	

	Churches.	*Names.*	*P. O. Addresses.*
October, 1895.	36. *Yonkers, Dayspring.		
		Cutbill, John H.	116 Oliver Ave., Yonkers, N. Y.
		Hope, Thomas F.	134 Waverly St., Yonkers, N. Y.
		Smith, William (*Clerk*)	137 Nepperhan Ave., Yonkers, N. Y.
	37. Yonkers, First.		
		Adam, Thomas	154 Linden St., Yonkers, N. Y.
		Brown, George R.	501 Hawthorne Ave., Yonkers, N. Y.
		Brown, John P.	130 Ashburton Ave., Yonkers, N. Y.
		Clark, Lucius E.	100 Locust Hill Ave., Yonkers, N. Y.
		Essick, Samuel V.	Hawthorne Ave., Yonkers, N. Y.
		Prime, Ralph E. (*Clerk*)	63 Hawthorne Ave., Yonkers, N. Y.
		Schoonmaker, Everett B.	82 Hawthorne Ave., Yonkers, N. Y.
	38. Yonkers, Westminster.		
		Brown, John H.	130 Ashburton Ave., Yonkers, N. Y.
		Brown, H. Beattie, M.D.	107 Warburton Ave., Yonkers, N. Y.
		Kirkwood, Alexander O.	158 Ashburton Ave., Yonkers, N. Y.
		Machin, Arthur S.	67 Woodworth Ave., Yonkers, N. Y.
		McKim, William (*Clerk*)	117 Linden St., Yonkers, N. Y.
		McWilliam, James R.	155 Palisade Ave., Yonkers, N. Y.
		Odell, William L.	122 Warburton Ave., Yonkers, N. Y.
		Otis, Charles R.	88 Buena Vista Ave., Yonkers, N. Y.
	39. Yorktown.		
		Knapp, Daniel H.	Shrub Oak, N. Y.
		Lee, Elijah	Yorktown, N. Y.
		Lee, Enos (*Clerk*)	Yorktown, N. Y.
		Strang, Henry	Yorktown Heights, N. Y.
		White, Henry	Yorktown, N. Y.

*The stated clerk was unable to secure a list of elders from these churches. Those given are taken from the minutes of last year.

YONKERS, N. Y., October 24, 1895.

Adjourned Meeting, Oct. 24, 1895.

The Presbytery of Westchester met pursuant to adjournment in the First Presbyterian Church, Yonkers, N. Y., Thursday, October 24, 1895, at 10 A.M.

The Moderator, Rev. J. Ritchie Smith, presided and constituted the Presbytery with prayer.

The roll was called, and the following were found to be present:

Ministers.	*Churches.*	*Elders.*
Anthony R. Macoubrey,	White Plains,	
Thornton M. Niven,	Greenburgh,	Luther W. P. Norris.
John Reid,	Yonkers First,	Ralph E. Prime.
J. Ritchie Smith,	Peekskill First,	
George William Knox,	Rye,	
Charles E. Allison,	Dayspring,	
Charle S. Lane,	Mt. Vernon First,	
George R. Cutting,	Westminster,	Alexander O. Kirkwood.
	8	3
Total present,.....	.....	11

Excused for Absence.—Rev. Messrs. Irving E. White, Robert P. Gibson, Frederick A. M. Brown, Henry A. Davenport, John A. Ingham, Arthur Requa, Oliver S. Dean, Richard P. H. Vail, Theodore S. Van Norden, and Rollin A. Sawyer.

Corresponding Member.—Rev. E. S. Fitz (Baptist), of Roadstown, N. J.

Rev. John Reid requested the dissolution of the pastoral relation existing between himself and the First Church, Yonkers, N. Y., in order that he might accept a call to the Fort Street Presbyterian Church, Detroit, Mich.

The commissioners of the congregation of the First Church, Messrs. William Allen Butler, Jr., W. F. Nesbit, and Charles E. Gorton, were heard, and the minutes of the congregational meeting of the church regretfully concurring in the request were read. The delegate from the Session was also heard.

On motion, it was ordered that the pastoral relation be dissolved, to take effect October 31st.

Elder Ralph E. Prime was appointed to declare the pulpit vacant on the Sabbath following.

The Stated Clerk was authorized to grant to Rev. John Reid a letter of dismission to the Presbytery of Detroit, whenever he may ask it.

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Rev. Henry M. Baird was appointed Moderator of the Session of the First Church, Yonkers, N. Y., and that Session was authorized to supply the pulpit until the Spring Stated Meeting.

On motion, Rev. Messrs. Thornton M. Niven, and Charles E. Allison, and Elder Alexander O. Kirkwood were appointed a committee to draft a minute expressive of the feelings of the Presbytery at the severance of Rev. John Reid's connection with this body.

On motion it was ordered that there be printed as an appendix to the minutes of this meeting the sections of the Religious Corporation Act relating to the holding of congregational meetings in our Presbyterian churches (see Appendix, pp. 476–479).

The Permanent Clerk was appointed a committee to communicate with the churches of Presbytery concerning the Indian Industrial School under the care of Synod, and to secure from our churches a contribution of $200 to the object.

Licentiate John Alison was received by letter of dismission from the Presbytery of Puget Sound, and it was ordered that his name should be enrolled.

Mr. Alison requested ordination as an evangelist, that he might act as Missionary of the Missionary Association of the First Presbyterian Church, Yonkers, N. Y., in charge of its work in Immanuel Chapel and be authorized lawfully and in order to administer the ordinances of the Lord's House. He was then examined in theology, sacraments, polity, and discipline. He also read a statement of his theological beliefs.

On motion, the roll was called, and the examination was sustained.

It was ordered that when Presbytery adjourns it adjourn to meet in the First Church, Yonkers, N. Y., Sabbath, October 27th, at 4 P.M., and that Mr. Alison be then ordained.

Rev. John Reid and Elder Ralph E. Prime were appointed a committee to make arrangements for the ordination.

The committee presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

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To preside and propound the constitutional questions, the Moderator, or, in his absence, the last Moderator present. *Sermon* — Rev. George R. Cutting. *Ordaining prayer*—Rev. Charles E. Allison. *Charge to the evangelist* — Rev. Alexander Alison, D.D., of the Presbytery of Puget Sound, to be invited; Rev. John Reid, alternate.

The committee appointed to prepare a minute with reference to Rev. John Reid presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

The Presbytery find it difficult to express their sense of loss in the going from us of the Rev. John Reid. Our brother has been with us as pastor of the First Church, Yonkers, N. Y., for sixteen years. He has been a joy to us in all the relations which he has sustained, to the church of Yonkers, as pastor, in the rare qualities of his pulpit ministrations, in his tender helpfulness to his people during their seasons of bereavement, and in his ministrations to their spiritual needs, and a joy to us in all his presbyterial relations. We have felt comforted and strengthened by his very presence with us; we have been helped by his delightful spirit, and aided by his wise counsels. He has always shown a readiness to meet any office for Presbytery, however arduous, and in this line of active, effective service, Dr. Reid will be greatly missed.

We rejoice, also, in the impression for good which he has made upon the religious community of Yonkers, and in his loyal helpful service to the interests of the New York University, a member of whose council he has been for years.

In his going from us to the important field to which he has been so providentially led we express our earnest hope, which we shall follow with our prayers, that even greater usefulness may be accomplished by our brother, and that his life may be long spared to the service of his and our Lord.

The Committee on Presbyterial Visitation was given power to provide for the Presbyterial Prayer Meeting, and to make all arrangements.

The minutes were read and approved.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet in the First Church, Yonkers, N. Y., Sabbath, October 27th.

Closed with prayer.

W. J. CUMMING,
Stated Clerk.

RALPH E. PRIME,
Permanent Clerk.

Adjourned Meeting, Oct. 24, 1895.

APPENDIX.

By Chapter 723 of the laws of 1895, the Legislature of New York repealed all the laws of that state relating to churches and enacted a new comprehensive code of regulations for all the churches. The new law consists of 111 sections in 7 Articles. Article I relates to all churches generally, and ought to be read and studied. Article V relates to Presbyterian churches with others, and very radically changes previous law. This Appendix, containing several sections from that article, all relating to Presbyterian churches, is printed by order of Presbytery (p. 474).

Sec. 80. Application of this Article. This article is not applicable to a Protestant Episcopal church, a Roman Catholic church, or to a Christian Orthodox Catholic church of the Eastern Confession. No provision of this article is applicable to a Reformed church in America, a True Reformed Dutch church in the United States of America, a Reformed Presbyterian church, or to an Evangelical Lutheran church, except as declared to be so applicable by the next preceding article of this chapter.

This article is applicable to churches of all other denominations.

Sec. 81. Notice of meeting for incorporation. Notice of a meeting for the purpose of incorporating an unincorporated church, to which this article is applicable, shall be given as follows:

The notice shall be in writing, and shall state, in substance, that a meeting of such unincorporated church will be held at its usual place of worship, at a specified day and hour, for the purpose of incorporating such church and electing trustees thereof.

The notice must be signed by at least six persons of full age, who are then members in good and regular standing of such church by admission into full communion or membership therewith, in accordance with the rules and regulations of such church, and of the governing ecclesiastical body of the denomination or order, if any, to which the church belongs, or who have statedly worshiped with such church and have regularly contributed to the financial support thereof during the year next prior thereto, or from the time of the formation thereof.

A copy of such notice shall be posted conspicuously on the outside of the main entrance to such place of worship, at least fifteen days before the day so specified for such meeting, and shall be publicly read at each of the two next preceding regular meetings of such unincorporated church for public worship, at least one week apart, at morning service, if such service be held on Sunday, if Sunday be the day for such regular meetings, by the first-named of the following persons who is present thereat, to wit: The minister of such church, the officiating minister thereof, the elders thereof in the order of their age, beginning with the oldest, the deacons of the church in the order of their age, beginning with the oldest, or any person qualified to sign such notice.

Sec. 82. The meeting for incorporation. At the meeting for incorporation, held in pursuance of such notice, the following persons, and no others, shall be qualified voters, to wit: All persons of full age

who are then members in good and regular standing of such church by admission into full communion or membership therewith, in accordance with the rules and regulations thereof, and of the governing ecclesiastical body, if any, of the denomination or order to which the church belongs, or who have statedly worshiped with such church and have regularly contributed to the financial support thereof during the year next preceding such meeting, or from the time of the formation thereof. Adjourned Meeting, Oct. 24, 1895.

The presence of a majority of such qualified voters, at least six in number, shall be necessary to constitute a quorum of such meeting. The action of the meeting upon any matter or question shall be decided by a majority of the qualified voters voting thereon, a quorum being present.

The first-named of the following persons who is present at such meeting shall preside thereat, to wit: The minister of the church, the officiating minister thereof, the elders thereof in the order of their age, beginning with the oldest, the deacons thereof in the order of their age, beginning with the oldest, any qualified voter elected to preside. The presiding officer of the meeting shall receive the votes, be the judge of the qualifications of voters, and declare the result of the votes cast on any matter. The polls of the meeting shall remain open for one hour, and longer, in the discretion of the presiding officer, or, if required, by a majority of the voters present.

Such meeting shall decide whether such unincorporated church shall become incorporated. If such decision shall be in favor of incorporation, such meeting shall decide upon the name of the proposed corporation, the number of the trustees thereof, which shall be three, six, or nine, and shall determine the date, not more than fifteen months thereafter, on which the first annual election of the trustees thereof after such meeting shall be held. Such meeting shall elect from the persons qualified to vote at such meeting one-third of the number of trustees so decided on, who shall hold office until the first annual election of trustees thereafter, one-third of such number of trustees to hold office until the second annual election of trustees thereafter, and one-third of the number of trustees to hold office until the third annual election of trustees thereafter.

Sec. 83. THE CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION. The presiding officer of such meeting, and at least two other persons present and voting thereat, shall execute and acknowledge a certificate of incorporation, setting forth the matters so determined at such meeting, the trustees elected thereat, and the terms of office for which they were respectively elected, and the county, town, city, or village in which its principal place of worship is or is intended to be located. On filing such certificate the members of such church and the persons qualified to vote at such meeting, and who shall thereafter, from time to time, be qualified voters at the corporate meetings thereof, shall be a corporation by the name stated in such certificate, and the persons therein stated to be elected trustees of such church shall be the trustees thereof for the terms for which they were respectively so elected.

Sec. 84. TIME, PLACE, AND NOTICE OF CORPORATE MEETINGS. The annual corporate meeting of every incorporated church to which this article is applicable shall be held at the time and place fixed by or in pursuance of law therefor, if such time and place be so fixed, and otherwise, at a time and place to be fixed by its trustees. A special corporate meeting of any such church may be called by the board of trustees thereof, on its own motion or on the written request of at least ten qualified voters of such church. The trustees shall cause notice of the time and place of its annual corporate meeting, therein specifying the names of any trustees whose successors are to be elected

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thereat, and, if a special meeting specifying the business to be transacted thereat, to be given at a regular meeting of the church for public worship, at morning service, if such service be held, on each of the two successive Sundays next preceding such meeting, if Sunday be the regular day for such public worship, and public worship be had thereon, or otherwise at a regular meeting of such church for public worship on each of two days, at least one week apart, next preceding such meeting, or if no such public worship be held during such period, by conspicuously posting such notice, in writing, upon the outer entrance to the principal place of worship of such church. Such notice shall be given by the minister of the church, if there be one, or, if not, by the officiating minister thereof, if there be one, or, if not, or if any such minister refuse to give such notice, by any officer of such church. But a special corporate meeting of an incorporated Presbyterian church, to elect a pastor of such church or to take action in reference to the dissolution of the relations of the pastor and the church, may be called only by the session of such church. They may call such meeting whenever they deem it advisable to do so, or upon the request to them, by petition, of a majority of the qualified voters of such corporation, they must call such meeting. They shall give notice of such meeting in either case in the manner in this section provided in a notice of a special meeting.

Sec. 85 ORGANIZATION AND CONDUCT OF CORPORATE MEETINGS; QUALIFICATIONS OF VOTERS THEREAT. At a corporate meeting of an incorporated church to which this article is applicable the following persons, and no others, shall be qualified voters, to wit: All persons of full age who are then members in good and regular standing of such church by admission into full communion or membership therewith, in accordance with the rules and regulations thereof, and of the governing ecclesiastical body, if any, of the denomination or order to which the church belongs, or who have been stated attendants on divine worship in such church and have regularly contributed to the financial support thereof during the year next preceding such meeting, except that at a corporate meeting of any Methodist Episcopal church in the city of Brooklyn, only persons who shall have then been members thereof for at least one year prior thereto, shall be qualified voters; and any incorporated church in connection with the Congregational denomination may, at any annual corporate meeting thereof, if notice of the intention so to do has been given with the notice of such meeting, determine that thereafter only members of such church shall be qualified voters at corporate meetings thereof.

The presence at such meeting of at least six persons qualified to vote thereat shall be necessary to constitute a quorum. The action of the meeting upon any matter or question shall be decided by a majority of the qualified voters voting thereon, a quorum being present.

The first-named of the following persons who is present at such meeting shall preside thereat, to wit: The minister of such church, the officiating minister thereof, the officers thereof in the order of their age, beginning with the oldest, any qualified voter elected therefor at the meeting. The presiding officer of the meeting shall receive the votes, be the judge of the qualifications of voters, and declare the result of the votes cast on any matter. The polls of an annual corporate meeting shall continue open for one hour, and longer in the discretion of the presiding officer, or, if required, by a majority of the qualified voters present.

At each annual corporate meeting, successors to those trustees whose terms of office then expire shall be elected from the qualified voters by ballot, for a term of three years thereafter.

Sec. 86. CHANGING DATE OF ANNUAL CORPORATE MEETINGS. An annual corporate meeting of an incorporated church to which this arti-

cle is applicable may change the date of its annual meeting thereafter. If such date shall next thereafter occur less than six months after the annual meeting at which such change is made, the next annual meeting shall be held one year from such next recurring date. For the purpose of determining the terms of office of trustees, the time between the annual meeting at which such change is made and the next annual meeting thereafter shall be reckoned as one year.

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Sec. 87. CHANGING NUMBER OF TRUSTEES. An incorporated church to which this article is applicable may, at an annual corporate meeting, change the number of its trustees to three, six, or nine, or classify them so that the terms of one-third expire each year. No such change shall affect the terms of the trustees then in office, and if the change reduces the number of trustees, it shall not take effect until the number of trustees whose terms of office continue for one or more years after an annual election is less than the number determined upon. Whenever the number of trustees so holding over is less than the number so determined on, trustees shall be elected in addition to those holding over sufficient to make the number of trustees for the ensuing year equal to the number so determined on. The trustees so elected up to and including one-third of the number so determined on, shall be elected for three years, the remainder up to and including one-third of the number so determined on for two years, and the remainder for one year.

Sec. 88. MEETINGS OF TRUSTEES. Two of the trustees of an incorporated church, to which this article is applicable, may call a meeting of such trustees by giving at least twenty-four hours' notice thereof personally or by mail to the other trustees. A majority of the trustees lawfully convened shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. In case of a tie vote at a meeting of the trustees, the presiding officer of such meeting shall, notwithstanding he has voted once, have an additional casting vote.

Sec. 89. THE CREATION AND FILLING OF VACANCIES AMONG TRUSTEES OF SUCH CHURCHES. If any trustee of an incorporated church to which this article is applicable declines to act, resigns, or dies, or, having been a member of such church, ceases to be such member, or, not having been a member of such church, ceases to be a qualified voter at a corporate meeting thereof, his office shall be vacant, and such vacancy may be filled by the remaining trustees until the next annual corporate meeting of such church, at which meeting the vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term.

Sec. 90. CONTROL OF TRUSTEES BY CORPORATE MEETINGS OF SUCH CHURCHES; SALARIES OF MINISTERS. A corporate meeting of an incorporated church, whose trustees are elective as such, may give directions, not inconsistent with law, as to the manner in which any of the temporal affairs of the church shall be administered by the trustees thereof; and such directions shall be followed by the trustees. The trustees of an incorporated church, to which this article is applicable, shall have no power to settle or remove or fix the salary of the minister, or, without the consent of a corporate meeting, to incur debts beyond what is necessary for the care of the property of the corporation, or to fix or change the time, nature, or order of the public or social worship of such church, except when such trustees are also the spiritual officers of such church.

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Adjourned Meeting, Oct. 27, 1895.

The Presbytery of Westchester met pursuant to adjournment in the First Presbyterian Church, Yonkers, N. Y., Sunday, October 27, 1895, at 4 P. M.

In the absence of the Moderator, Elder Ralph E. Prime, the last elected Moderator present, by appointment of Presbytery presided and constituted the Presbytery with prayer.

The following were present:

Ministers.	*Churches.*	*Elders.*
Henry M. Baird.		
John Reid,	Yonkers 1st,	Ralph E. Prime.
Charles E. Allison,	Dayspring,	Thomas F. Hope.
George R. Cutting,	Westminster,	William L. Odell.

Corresponding members. — Rev. David Cole of the Classes of Westchester. Rev. Mr. Schrive of the Baptist Association.

Presbytery then proceeded with the ordination of Licentiate John Alison as an evangelist.

After devotional exercises, Rev. George R. Cutting preached a sermon from the text, Acts 4:8 — "Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost."

The presiding officer, Elder Ralph E. Prime, stated the action of Presbytery (p. 474), spoke of the nature and importance of the ordinance and the solemnity of the occasion, and proposed to Licentiate John Alison the constitutional questions, Form of Government, Chapter XV, sections XII and XV.

Rev. Charles E. Allison offered the prayer of ordination, and Mr. Alison was duly set apart to the office of the gospel ministry by the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery.

The charge to the newly-ordained minister, written by his father, Rev. Alexander Alison, was read by Rev. John Reid, who also charged him with words of his own.

The minutes of the meeting were then read and approved.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet in the Presbyterian Building, Fifth Ave., New York city, Tuesday, January 21, 1895.

Closed with prayer, singing, and benediction by the newly-ordained minister.

Adjourned Meeting, Oct. 27, 1895.

W. J. CUMMING,
Stated Clerk.

RALPH E. PRIME,
Permanent Clerk.

RYE, N. Y., December 4, 1895.

Special Meeting, December 4, 1895.

The Presbytery of Westchester met in the Presbyterian Church, Rye, N. Y., Wednesday, December 4, 1895, at 7 P. M., pursuant to the following call:

November 20, 1895.

At the request of two ministers and two elders [the elders being of different churches], in accordance with the requirements of the Form of Government, Ch. X, Sec. 10, I hereby call a Special Meeting of the Presbytery of Westchester, to be held in the Church of Rye, on Wednesday, Dec. 4th, at 7 P. M., to take action on the following matters:

1. The call of Rye Church for the pastoral services of Rev. G. W. Knox, D.D.
2. The call of the Pound Ridge Church for the pastoral services of Rev. F. A. Wales.
3. To enroll Rev. John Alison as a member of Presbytery.

J. RITCHIE SMITH, *Moderator.*

In the absence of the Moderator, Rev. J. Ritchie Smith, the last Moderator present, Rev. John T. Wills, presided and constituted the meeting with prayer.

The roll was called and the following found to be present:

Ministers.	*Churches.*	*Elders.*	
John T. Wills,	Greenwich 1st.		
Richard P. H. Vail,	Stamford 1st.		
William B. Waller,	New Rochelle,	John K. Myers.	
George William Knox,	Rye,	Jasper E. Corning.	
Arthur Requa,	Darien.		
George R. Cutting,	Westminster.		
Frank A. Wales,	Pound Ridge,	John C. Rockwell.	
	7		3
Total present,	. . . . .		10

Corresponding Members.— Rev. Messrs. John E. Bushnell and Anson P. Atterbury of the Presbytery of New York, and Charles E. Knox of the Presbytery of Newark, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

The first item of business for which the meeting was called was then taken up, and a call was presented from the Rye Church for the pastoral services of Rev. George William Knox. The call and the minutes of the congregational meeting were read, and the representatives of the church and congregation were heard.

The call was found in order and placed in Mr. Knox's hands, and by him accepted.

Rev. Messrs. George William Knox and William B. Waller and Elder Jasper E. Corning were appointed a committee to make arrangements for the installation.

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The committee presented a report which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Time—This evening at 8 P. M. *To preside and propound the constitutional questions*—Rev. John T. Wills. *Sermon*—Rev. Anson P. Atterbury of the Presbytery of New York, to be invited. *Charge to the pastor*—Rev. Charles E. Knox of the Presbytery of Newark, to be invited. *Charge to the people*—Rev. Richard P. H. Vail.

The third item of business was then taken up, and it was ordered that the name of Rev. John Alison be enrolled (pp. 480–1).

Presbytery then took a recess until after the installation of Rev. George William Knox as pastor of the Rye Church.

Presbytery re-assembled after the conclusion of the installation services.

The second item of business, the call of the Pound Ridge Church for the pastoral services of Rev. Frank A. Wales, was then taken up. The call was read and the representative of the church and congregation heard. The call was found in order and placed in Mr. Wales' hands, and by him accepted.

Rev. Messrs. Frank A. Wales and Richard P. H. Vail and Elder John C. Rockwell were appointed a committee to make arrangements for the installation.

The committee presented a report which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Time—December 5, 1895, at 2 P. M. *To preside and propound the constitutional questions*—Rev. John T. Wills. *Sermon*—Rev. George R. Cutting. *Charge to the pastor*—Rev. Arthur Requa. *Charge to the people*—Rev. John T. Wills.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet in the Presbyterian Building, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York city, Tuesday, January 21, 1896.

Closed with prayer.

W. J. CUMMING,
Stated Clerk.

RALPH E. PRIME,
Permanent Clerk.

NEW YORK CITY, January 21, 1896.

Intermediate Meeting, January 21, 1896.

The Presbytery of Westchester met pursuant to appointment in the Presbyterian House, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York city, Tuesday, January 21, 1896, at 10.30 A. M., and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator, Rev. J. Ritchie Smith.

The roll was called and the following found to be present:

Ministers.	*Churches.*	*Elders.*	
Daniel N. Freeland.			
Charles E. Lindsley.			
Wilson Phraner.			
Rollin A. Sawyer.			
Anthony R. Macoubrey,	White Plains,	Samuel H. Wilson.	
Thornton N. Niven,	Greenburgh,	Hezekiah King.	
Oliver S. Dean,	Patterson.		
John T. Wills,	Greenwich 1st.		
Alexander Miller,	Mahopac Falls.		
Richard P. H. Vail,	Stamford 1st.		
Henry A. Davenport,	Bridgeport 1st,	George E. Christie.	
William B Waller,	New Rochelle,	John K. Myers.	
J. Ritchie Smith,	Peekskill 1st,	Frank Requa.	
William J. Cumming,	Yorktown,	Henry Strang.	
George William Knox,	Rye,	Jasper E. Corning.	
John H. Trussell,	S. E. Center.		
Richard B. Mattice,	Throggs Neck,	Marvin R. Baxter.	
Manfred P. Welcher.			
Charles S. Lane,	Mt. Vernon.		
James A. McWilliams.	Sing Sing.		
Arthur Requa,	Darien,	Sands S. Bishop.	
George R Cutting,	Westminster,	Alexander O. Kirkwood.	
Henry R. White,	Pleasantville.		
John A. Ingham,	Irvington,	George M. Kendall.	
Frank F. Blessing,	Scarborough,	Francis A. See.	
Frank A. Wales,	Pound Ridge.		
John Alison.			
	South Salem,	John F. Bouton.	
	Katonah,	Joseph Barrett.	
	Gilead,	Samuel G. Cornish.	
	Bedford,	John G. Clark.	
	Hug. Mem'l,	David I. Carson.	
	Yonkers 1st,	Ralph E. Prime.	
	27		18
Total present,	. . . . .		45

Ministers absent.—Elias S. Schenck, Chauncey D. Rice, David Murdoch, William Life, Talmon C. Perry, Andrew B. Morse, John Tatlock, Edw. B. Allen, Frederick A M. Brown, David A. Holbrook, Henry M. Baird, Homer S. Newcomb, Theodore S. Pond, Christopher R. Brown, Robert P. Gibson, Marcellus Bowen, R. Randall Hoes, Chas. E. Upson, Willis W. Dowd, William N. Ritchie, James H. Hoyt, William K. Eddy, Charles E. Allison, Irving E. White, David Laughlin, Adrian V. S. Wallace, Francis E. Smith, Harris Ely Adriance, William W. Breckenridge, William G. Jenkins, Alvah G. Fessenden, Theodore L. Van Norden, Will A. Babbitt.—33.

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Churches not represented.—South East, New Haven 1st, Patterson, Greenwich 1st, Mahopac Falls, Stamford 1st, Croton Falls, Dayspring, S E. Center, Peekskill 2d, Mt. Vernon, Thompsonville, Sing Sing, New Rochelle 2d, Pleasantville, Hartford, Pound Ridge, Mt. Kisco, North Salem, Hastings 1st, Portchester.—21.

Excused for absence.—Elias S. Schenck, Chauncey D. Rice, David Murdoch, Theodore S. Pond, Marcellus Bowen, Willis W. Dowd, William K. Eddy.

Corresponding members.—Rev. Richard E. Locke of the Suffolk, Mass., Association. Rev. Alexander Allison of the Presbytery of Puget Sound.

The minutes of the special meeting held at Rye, N. Y., December 4, 1895, were read and approved.

Rev. Daniel N. Freeland was received by letter of dismission from the Presbytery of East Florida, and it was ordered that his name should be enrolled.

It was ordered that the following corrections should be made in the Minutes of the Fall Stated Meeting:

1. That the name of Rev. Anthony R. Macoubrey be added to the list of those excused for absence (p. 446).
2. That the words "*and young people's societies*" be stricken from the report of the Committee on Freedmen (p. 452).

It was also ordered that the name of Francis W. Marsh (*Clerk*) be added to the roll of Ruling Elders of the Bridgeport First Church (p. 468).

Rev. Messrs. J. Ritchie Smith and Irving E. White and Elder Milton Frost be appointed a committee to examine the Minutes and recommend some scheme for keeping them briefly, systematically, and economically.

The Treasurer reported that the Presbyterial Fund had been overdrawn to the amount of $38.21, and that this sum had been taken from the Education Fund.

The Stated Clerk announced the following deaths in the eldership of our churches:

Josiah S. Mitchell, White Plains, Nov. 14, 1895.
Lucius E. Clark, Yonkers 1st, Oct. 27, 1895.
Monmouth G. Hart, White Plains, Dec. 7, 1895.

On motion, Rev. Anthony R. Macoubrey was appointed to prepare obituary notices of Elders Mitchell and Hart, and Elder Ralph E. Prime of Elder Clark.

The Stated Clerk announced that he had, in accordance

with the directions of Presbytery (p. 473), granted to Rev. John Reid a letter of dismission to the Presbytery of Detroit, Nov. 7, 1895. Intermediate Meeting, January 21, 1896.

The Stated Clerk read a letter from Mr. Warner Van Norden, Chairman of Joint House Committee of the Boards of Home and Foreign Missions, extending a cordial invitation to Presbytery to make use of the new Presbyterian House for its meetings. The invitation was accepted, and the Stated Clerk was directed to express to the committee, through Mr. Van Norden, the thanks of the Presbytery.

A communication from the Chairman of the Synod's Committee on Synodical Aid, also a letter from the Synodical Superintendent, were referred to Elder William H. Parsons, Special Committee on Synodical Aid.

A communication from the Stated Clerk of the Synod of New York was read, calling attention to the action of Synod (Minutes, 1895, p. 47) enlarging the boundary of the Presbytery of New York so as to include all that portion of the Presbytery of Westchester at present within the limits of the city of New York, and transferring all ministers and churches within these limits at present on the roll of the Presbytery of Westchester to the roll of the Presbytery of New York.

In accordance with the above action it was ordered that the names of the Throggs Neck Church and of Rev. Richard B. Mattice, its stated supply, be dropped from our rolls, and that the Stated Clerk notify the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of New York of this action.

A communication from the Presbytery of Cincinnati proposing an overture to the General Assembly requesting a reduction of assessment to six cents a member, was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

An application from the Pound Ridge Church for a recommendation to the Board of Home Missions for an appropriation from the Synodical Aid Fund was referred to the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension.

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The committee to declare the pulpit of the Huguenot Memorial Church vacant (p. 454) reported that he had performed that duty on the third Sunday of November last. The report was accepted.

The committee appointed to prepare a minute on the death of Rev. Lewis H. Reid presented a report, which was accepted, and it was ordered that it be entered in the Necrology.

The committee to declare the pulpit of the First Church of Yonkers, N. Y., vacant (p. 473) reported that he had discharged the duty at the time appointed. The report was accepted.

The committee to confer with the Presbytery of Boston (p. 463) presented a verbal report, which was accepted, and the committee continued.

The Committee on Aid for Colleges presented a report which was accepted, and is as follows:

To the Board 27 of our churches contributed last year $583, being a little in advance of the previous year. Twelve of our churches are reported as contributing nothing.

Rev. Messrs. John A. Ingham and William B. Waller and Elder Alexander O. Kirkwood were appointed a committee to prepare and to present to Presbytery at this session a brief expression of our sentiment in regard to the question relating to the liquor traffic now before the legislature of the state of New York.

On motion the following was adopted:

WHEREAS, It appears that the Presbyterian church at Greenwich, Conn., is at present under a burden of financial indebtedness to the amount of about $20,000; and

WHEREAS, It appears that the church is able to pay its running expenses if it had no interest to pay, but the payment of so much interest as it now has to pay is the occasion of a constant retrograde movement; and

WHEREAS, It also appears that the Greenwich Church has hitherto never asked for any assistance from the Boards of our Church; and

WHEREAS, still again, it appears that certain wealthy gentlemen outside of our denomination, personal friends of the pastor, have declared their willingness to contribute liberally towards the complete liquidation of the church's debt as soon as an earnest effort shall be made in that direction, either by our Presbytery or by individual members of our denomination; therefore be it

Resolved, That the members of this Presbytery give an expression of

their sympathy with this church in its present financial struggles, and that we express our sincere appreciation of the generous, self-sacrificing, and heroic efforts of the pastor, Dr. Wills, in his attempt to extricate the church from debt; and be it

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Resolved, That we heartily commend the church to the good will and liberality of any persons within the bounds of our Presbytery and of our Presbyterian denomination whose special attachment to our beloved branch of Christ's Church prompts them to render financial assistance when and where it is particularly needed; and lastly, be it

Resolved, That we express our grateful appreciation of such financial encouragement as has been or may be offered by any friends of Dr. Wills in behalf of the church of which he is pastor.

Rev. Messrs. George William Knox and Henry A. Davenport and Elder Joseph Barrett were appointed a committee to draft resolutions expressive of the sentiment of Presbytery on the situation in Armenia.

The Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension reported recommending the Pound Ridge Church to the Board of Home Missions for aid to the amount of $200 from the Synodical Aid Fund for the year beginning Nov. 15, 1895. The report was accepted and adopted.

The Committee on Church Erection presented a report calling attention to the fact that only 19 of our 39 churches had to January 1st contributed to the funds of the Board.

The committee to install Rev. Frank A. Wales as pastor of the Pound Ridge Church (p. 484) reported the discharge of that duty in accordance with the directions of Presbytery.

The committee to prepare a minute on the liquor traffic (p. 488) presented a report, which was accepted and adopted, and it was ordered that the Stated Clerk send copies of the same to our representatives in the legislature. It is as follows:

The Presbytery of Westchester, in session in the City of New York, January 21, 1896, respectfully petitions the Legislature of the State of New York to take no backward step in the matter of the restriction of the liquor traffic; requesting that if possible the present restrictions be made still more stringent, that the said traffic be entirely prohibited on Sunday, and that the laws be so simplified in regard to the sale of liquor on the other days of the week as to render their enforcement practicable and punishment for their violation more certain.

The committee to draft resolutions on the situation in Armenia presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

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WHEREAS, In the Turkish Empire thousands of Christians have been massacred for their faith, and hundreds of thousands of Christians are in danger of starvation because their property has been destroyed; and

WHEREAS, The property of American citizens likewise has been destroyed and their lives threatened; and

WHEREAS, The Turkish Government affords protection neither to the lives and property of its Christian subjects nor to the property of American citizens within its domains, but, on the contrary, instigates and aids massacre and pillage; and

WHEREAS, The Government of the United States in times past has intervened in foreign lands not only for the protection of its citizens but in the interest of suffering humanity, notably having maintained a naval force on the coast of Africa for the suppression of the slave trade;

Resolved, That the Presbytery of Westchester appeals to the Christian public to manifest its sympathy with the persecuted and its abhorrence of the crimes of the oppressors by contributing liberally for the relief of the suffering Armenians.

Resolved further, That the Government of the United States is hereby petitioned to take immediate and effective measures for the protection of American citizens and of Armenian Christians, and to obtain punishments for the crimes committed, indemnity for the losses sustained, and security for life and property in the future.

Resolved, That these resolutions be sent to the Government of the United States, to the religious newspapers, to the newspapers within the bounds of the Presbytery of Westchester, and to the churches under its jurisdiction.

A special committee, consisting of Rev. Messrs. George William Knox and Henry A. Davenport and Elder Ralph E. Prime, was appointed to present the above action to the authorities in Washington in such way as they may think best.

The committee to raise funds for the Indian Industrial School (p. 474) presented a verbal report, which was accepted.

The Minutes of this session were then read and approved.

The Presbytery then adjourned to meet in the First Church, Peekskill, N. Y., Monday, April 20, 1896.

Closed with prayer and the benediction.

W. J. CUMMING,
Stated Clerk.

RALPH E. PRIME,
Permanent Clerk.

PEEKSKILL, N. Y., April 20, 1896. Spring Stated Meeting, April 20, 1896.

The Presbytery of Westchester met pursuant to appointment in the First Presbyterian Church, Peekskill, N. Y., Monday, April 20, 1896, at 8 P.M.

After devotional exercises a sermon was preached by the Moderator, Rev. J. Ritchie Smith, from the text, I Cor., 3, 21—"For all things are yours."

The Presbytery was then constituted with prayer.

The roll was then called, and the following were found to be present:

Ministers.	*Churches.*	*Elders.*
Wilson Phraner (2).		
David Murdoch.		
Talmon C. Perry.		
Rollin A. Sawyer.		
John Tatlock.		
Anthony R. Macoubrey (2),	White Plains,	O. D. Kingsley, M.D., (2),
Thornton M. Nevin (2),	Greensburgh,	Luther W. P. Norris (2).
Frederick A. M. Brown,	New Haven 1st,	Charles E. Corwin (2).
Oliver S. Dean,	Patterson,	James C. Gerow.
John T. Wills,	Greenwich 1st.	
Alexander Miller,	Mahopac Falls.	
Richard P. H. Vail	Stamford 1st.	
Robert P. Gibson,	Croton Falls,	Albert Chamberlain (2).
	Bridgeport 1st,	Malcolm T. Kerr (2).
William B. Waller,	New Rochelle.	
William N. Richie.		
J. Ritchie Smith,	Peekskill 1st,	William Mabie.
William J. Cumming,	Yorktown,	Elijah Lee (2).
George William Knox,	Rye,	William Matthews (2).
Charles E. Allison (2),	Dayspring,	William Smith.
John H. Trussell (2),	S. E. Center,	
Irving E White,	Peekskill 2d,	Chas. C. Knight, M.D.
Manfred P. Welcher.		
Charles S. Lane,	Mt. Vernon 1st,	William McD. Halsey (2).
Adrian V. S. Wallace.	Thompsonville.	
James A. McWilliams,	Sing Sing,	Daniel E. Provost.
Arthur Requa,	Darien,	Benjamin Weed.
George R. Cutting,	Westminster,	Charles R. Otis (2).
	N. Rochelle 2d,	Charles E. Harvey (2).
Henry R. White,	Pleasantville,	David A. Nelson (2).
John A. Ingham,	Irvington,	W. Addison Burnham (2).
Frank F. Blessing,	Scarborough,	Francis A. See (2).
Frank A. Wales,	Pound Ridge,	George N. Fancher.
Alvah G. Fessenden,	Mt. Kisco.	
Theodore L. Van Norden,	South Salem,	Thomas Gilbert.
Will A. Babbitt (2),	Katonah,	Joseph Barrett (2).
John Allison (2).		
	Portchester,	John Miller (2).

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	Gilead,	Samuel G. Cornish.	
	Bedford,	John G. Clark.	
	Hug. Mem'l,	David I. Carson (2).	
	Yonkers 1st,	Ralph E. Prime.	
	35		27
Total present,.....			62

Ministers absent. — Elias S. Schenck, Chauncey D. Rice, Daniel N. Freeland, Charles E. Lindsley, William Life, Andrew B. Morse, Edward B. Allen, David A. Holbrook, Henry M. Baird, Homer S. Newcomb, Theodore S. Pond, Christopher R. Brown, Marcellus Bowen, Henry A. Davenport, R. Randall Hoes, Charles E. Upson, Willis W. Dowd, James H. Hoyt, William K. Eddy, David Laughlin, Francis E. Smith, Harris Ely Adriance, William W. Breckenridge, William G. Jenkins. — 24.

Churches not represented. — South East, Greenwich 1st, Mahopac Falls, Stamford 1st, New Rochelle, South East Center, Thompsonville, Hartford, Mt. Kisco, North Salem, Hastings 1st. — 11.

Excused for absence. — Theodore S. Pond, Marcellus Bowen, William K. Eddy, Elias S. Schenck, Chauncey D. Rice, Daniel N. Freeland, Homer S. Newcomb, Charles E. Lindsley, Francis E. Smith, Charles E. Upson.

Corresponding members.— Rev. Jacob Freshman of the Presbytery of Newark, N. J., Rev. Messrs. J. E. Gorse and A. Coons of the New York Conference of the M. E. Church, and Rev. W. C. Stiles of the Jackson, Mich., Congregational Association, Rev. Hugh C. Townley of the Hudson River Central Baptist Association.

Rev. Frederick A. M. Brown was elected Moderator, and Rev. Arthur Requa temporary clerk.

The Committee of Arrangements presented a report which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Tuesday. — 9-10 A.M., Devotional meeting. 10 A.M.–12.30 P.M., and 2–5.30 P.M., Business sessions. 7.30 P.M., Popular meeting, to be devoted to missions, with an address by Mr. Robert E. Speer, to be presided over by the Moderator.

The Presbytery then adjourned to 9 A.M. to-morrow. Closed with prayer.

TUESDAY, April 21, 1896.

The Presbytery met at 9 A.M., and spent an hour in devotional exercises, led by Rev. George William Knox.

After prayer the roll was called, and the following, not present yesterday, answered to their names:

Ministers. — Wilson Phraner, Rollin A. Sawyer, Anthony R Macoubrey, Thornton M. Niven, Charles E. Allison, John H. Trussell, James A. McWilliams, Frank F. Blessing, Will A. Babbit, John Allison.—10.

Elders. — Orrin D. Kingsley, M.D., Luther W. P. Norris, Charles E. Corwin, Albert Chamberlain, Malcolm T. Kerr, Elijah Lee, William Matthews, William McD. Halsey, Daniel E. Provost, Charles R. Otis, Charles E. Harvey, David Nelson, W. Addison Burnham, Francis A. See, Joseph Barrett, John Miller, David I. Carson. — 17. Spring Stated Meeting, April 21, 1896.

Rev. Jacob Freshman of the Presbytery of Newark, N. J., Rev. Messrs. J. E. Gorse and A. Coons, of the New York Conference of the M. E. Church, and Rev. William C. Stiles of the Jackson, Mich., Congregational Association, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

The minutes of last evening's session were read and approved.

The Moderator recommended the following committees:

I. BILLS AND OVERTURES.

Ministers. — J. Ritchie Smith, Theodore L. Van Norden, and Henry R. White.
Elders. — Charles C. Knight, M.D., and Charles R. Otis.

II. JUDICIAL BUSINESS.

Ministers. — James A. McWilliams, Alvah G. Fessenden, and John Tatlock.
Elders. — Benjamin Weed and George N. Fancher.

III. SESSIONAL RECORDS.

Ministers. — George William Knox, John H. Trussell, and John A. Ingham.
Elders. — William Smith, Charles E. Harvey, and David I. Carson.

IV. LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

Minister. — William J. Cumming.
Elder. — William Mabie.

Reports from the seminaries at Princeton and Auburn were referred to the Committee on Education.

Rev. Christopher R. Brown requested by letter a letter of dismission to the African M. E. Bethel Conference of New Jersey. The request was granted.

Communications concerning the Fourth Annual Missionary Congress of the Synod of New York were referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

Communications from the Board of Home Missions were referred to the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension.

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A communication from the Board of Aid for Colleges and Academies was referred to the Committee on the Expenses of Administration of the Boards (p. 456).

A letter from Rev. J. Irving Burns, member of the Senate of the State of New York, acknowledging receipt of communication from Presbytery on the subject of Excise Legislation (p. 489), was read.

A communication from the Board of Education was referred to the Committee on Education.

The Treasurer of the Trustees reported that the Milne Fund (pp. 285, 365, and 426) amounted to $5,000 principal, invested on bond and mortgage; the Adams Fund (p. 249) to $1,000 principal, in savings bank, and that the interest from both on hand was $418.67.

The Trustees, with the chairman of the Committee on Ministerial Relief, were authorized to make use of the income of the Milne Fund, in accordance with terms of the bequest, as they may deem best.

A communication with reference to the proposed Synod of New England was referred to the committee to confer with a similar committee of the Presbytery of Boston (p. 463).

A communication from the chairman of the Synod's Committee on Synodical Aid was referred to Elder W. H. Parsons, Special Committee on Synodical Aid.

The annual report of Women's Committee on Home Missions of Presbytery was referred to the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension.

It was ordered that Standing Rule No. 23 be suspended so that the election of Commissioners to the General Assembly may be held at the noon recess in accordance with plan adopted by Presbytery (p. 453).

The Moderator appointed Rev. James A. McWilliams and Elder William Matthews, tellers of votes for commissioners.

It was ordered that the report of the Committee on Sessional Records be the first order of the afternoon session

in the place of the election of Commissioners to the General Assembly.

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The first order of the day, the nomination of Commissioners to the General Assembly, was then taken up and the following persons were placed in nomination:

Ministers.— Charles S. Lane, George William Knox, Irving E. White, Adrian V. S. Wallace, Arthur Requa, Frederick A. M. Brown, Francis E. Smith.

Elders.— Charles R. Otis, John K. Myers, Jacob T. Wheeler, Thos. G. Ritch, John G. Clark, James H. Thompson, Jr.

The death of Elder Andrew Sloane of the Thompsonville Church was announced, and Rev. Adrian V. S. Wallace was appointed a committee to draft a minute for the Necrology.

The Trustees of Presbytery reported that $250 of the income of the Milne Fund was on hand, and the Treasurer of the Trustees was authorized to dispose of that amount as the Trustees shall direct.

The committee to draft a minute on the death of Rev. J. Ludlow Kendall (p. 448), presented a report which was accepted, and it was ordered that it be entered in the Necrology.

The committee to bring the Armenian resolutions to the attention of the General Government (p. 490) presented a report, which was accepted, and the committee was continued and was authorized to bring the subject to the attention of the General Assembly and to further communicate with the General Government.

Rev. Irving E. White requested the dissolution of the pastoral relation existing between himself and the Second Church of Peekskill, N. Y., assigning as a reason a serious throat trouble.

The commissioners of the church, Mr. Stephen Lent and Elder Morris E. Clinton were heard regretfully concurring in the request.

On motion the pastoral relation was dissolved to take effect April 26.

The following minute was adopted:

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The Presbytery of Westchester has heard, with profound regret, of the apparent necessity for a dissolution of the pastoral relation existing between Rev. Irving E. White and the Second Church of Peekskill. We deplore the fact itself and also its cause.

Presbytery desires to express the high esteem and affection in which Rev. Mr. White is held by all its members. Our fellowship with him during the past ten years has been in every way most delightful. His ability as a preacher, his fidelity as a pastor, his wisdom in presbyterial counsels, and his genial spirit in all his intercourse have steadily grown upon us during these years, and he holds the place of a "brother beloved" to us all. We grieve with him that he is compelled to resign a charge, which he has conducted so ably and satisfactorily, and under the manifest guidance and blessing of God. As a Presbytery we beg to assure him of our deep and tender sympathy with him in this affliction which has come upon him; and we unite our prayers that the Lord may grant him a speedy recovery of his health, and a prompt return to active work in the church of Christ.

Rev. Irving E. White was appointed to declare the pulpit of the Second Church of Peekskill vacant next Sabbath morning.

The committee to recommend a plan for keeping the minutes of Presbytery briefly, systematically, and economically (p. 486) presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Your committee recommend:

1. In reports of Standing Committees all recommendations and resolutions adopted by Presbytery shall be printed in full.
2. The body of such reports shall be printed in full or in part at the discretion of the Stated Clerk.
3. No other reports shall be printed except by order of Presbytery; but all recommendations and resolutions adopted by Presbytery shall be printed.

The committee on the minutes of Synod of 1895 presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Your committee call attention:

1. Foreign Missions, Recommendations 2, p. 31.
2. Sunday-Schools, Recommendation 2, p. 35.
3. Transfers to Presbytery of New York, p. 47.

The Committee on Narrative presented the narrative of the state of religion for the year ending April 1, which was accepted and adopted, and it was ordered that an abstract should be sent to the General Assembly. It is as follows:

I. Congregational Services.

Our churches have been fully supplied with preaching during the past year. With but five or six exceptions four regular services have been held on the Lord's Day — two preaching services, one Sunday-school service, and one Christian Endeavor prayer and song service. With but two exceptions the attendance has been good. Of the sixteen churches that report the morning attendance, 55 is the smallest average, and 600 the largest, while the general average is 100. The young people are reported as attending in good numbers and regularly. The mid-week prayer and praise service, held in some churches on Wednesday, in others on Thursday, and still others on Friday evening, is reported as a time of power and helpfulness, 25 or 30 in attendance seem to be the averages most generally given. The lowest average reported is 10, and the highest 80. The sum of the averages of the nine churches which reported attendance is 655. Is not this very small? Spring Stated Meeting, April 21, 1896.

II. Sabbath Schools.

One church reports no school, having only 14 young people under twenty years of age, some of whom are seldom home. Generally our churches have but one school; ten union and mission schools are reported. The shorter Catechism is taught in 25 of our 48 schools, not taught in 10, the remainder not reporting. All but one church reports the use of the Westminster Helps. Peloubet and Bible Study Union Lessons are also used in a few churches. All report libraries, but no additions are reported for the year. There is a fair increase of power and interest; seven churches report increasing numbers, and five conversions. Difficulty is experienced in some instances in securing regular and faithful teachers.

III. Societies of Men and Women.

All the churches report Ladies' Missionary and Aid Societies, and one a Dorcas Society. Judging from the gifts to the Boards, besides the home work done, these societies are doing an excellent service in the Master's vineyard.

IV. Young People's Societies.

Seven of our churches report no Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor. Eleven churches report junior societies, and seven mission bands. Nine report King's Daughters circles. The Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip seems to have no foothold in the Presbytery of Westchester. These societies are great help to our churches. Great hope is placed by the pastors on the power and influence of these banded young people.

V. Spiritual Conditions.

Seven of our churches have held special services with encouraging but with no marked results. Only two churches report Presbyterial Visitation. The other churches, while holding no special services, have striven for a constant revival of religion. The results this year as a whole are spoken of as encouraging, and the lives of Christians as consistent with their covenant obligations. Thirty-five of our thirty-eight churches report 305 conversions this year as against 340 last year. Eleven churches report an increase in the number of conversions, sixteen a decrease, four the same number, and four not a soul converted.

VI. Benevolence.

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A very large percentage of our churches contribute to all the Boards, only four contributing to but a part. Six churches report monthly collections. Giving is in accordance with ability, and is on the increase. Most of our Sunday-schools give to but one of the Boards. Ladies' Missionary Societies contribute to Home and Foreign Missions and to work among Freedmen.

VII. Family Religion.

Families are fairly faithful in presenting their little ones for baptism, only one exception reported, and that a neighborhood where Baptist views on this question prevail.

VIII. Miscellaneous.

The financial obligations of our churches are promptly met as a rule. Some few report delay. Boards of trustees manage the temporalities.

The committee to confer with a committee of the Boston Presbytery (p. 488) presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

The Presbytery of Westchester would make the following statement regarding the proposed Synod of New England and the dismissal of some of its churches to aid in forming such Synod.

In response to a request of the Presbytery of Boston, the Presbytery of Westchester appointed a committee to confer with a similar committee of that Presbytery. But although a letter addressed to the chairman of the Boston committee was promptly sent, offering to meet the committee, no reply has been received, and no opportunity for conference has been had.

As several of the Connecticut churches are close upon the New York boundary, and are to all intents New York churches by origin and affiliation and have no natural geographical connection with the other Presbyterian churches of New England, they respectfully request that at present they be not transferred from the Presbytery with which they are now connected. A similar request is made by all the Connecticut churches with their pastors, the belief being unanimous that such a transfer would work a serious harm to each church.

The chairman of the committee was authorized to communicate this action to the chairman of the committee of the Presbytery of Boston.

The Committee on Education presented Mr. James H. Rankin, a student in the seminary, to be taken under the care of the Presbytery as a candidate for the ministry.

Mr. Rankin was examined by the Moderator as to his religious experience and views in seeking the ministry, and on motion was received under the care of the Presbytery.

The Committee to prepare minutes on the deaths of Elders Josiah S. Mitchell and Monmouth G. Hart, of the White Plains Church (p. 486), presented a report, which was accepted, and it was ordered that it should be entered in the Necrology. Spring Stated Meeting, April 21, 1896.

On motion Mr. Nicholas S. Becker received permission to exercise his gifts for the next six months.

The Committee on Temperance presented a report, which was accepted, and pending consideration was laid over as unfinished business until the afternoon.

The Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension presented a report, recommending $40 of the interest of the Adams Fund in the hands of the Treasurer of the Trustees be voted to the Pound Ridge church, to help make good the difference between $200 asked of the Board of Home Missions from the Synodical Aid Fund and $150 granted. The report was accepted and adopted.

Presbytery took a recess until 2 P. M.

Closed with prayer.

TUESDAY, 2 P. M.

Presbytery reassembled, and was opened with prayer.

The Committee on Sessional Records presented a report, which was accepted, and the sessional records of the following churches were approved:

Gilead, Greenwich, Katonah, Mahopac Falls, New Haven 1st, New Rochelle 2d, Peekskill 1st, Peekskill 2d, Pleasantville, Pound Ridge, Rye, Scarborough, Sing Sing, South Salem, Thompsonville, Yonkers Dayspring, Yonkers 1st, Yonkers Westminster, Yorktown.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to hold a fraternal conference with the church at Hastings with a view to making such recommendations to that church as shall provide most effectively for their pastoral care and oversight, and for the advancement of the church and kingdom of Christ in that community; and that this committee be specially instructed to consider the possibility of healing the church division, which resulted in the formation of this church some three years ago; the committee to report at the Intermediate Meeting.

The Moderator appointed the committee called for by the above resolution as follows:

Ministers.— Charles E. Allison and James A. McWilliams ; and
Elders— Sanford R. Knapp and William Matthews.

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The tellers of votes for commissioners to the General Assembly presented a report, and the following were declared elected:

PRINCIPALS.

Ministers.	*Elders.*
Charles S. Lane,	Charles R. Otis,
George William Knox.	Thomas G. Ritch.

ALTERNATES.

Frederick A. M. Brown,	John K. Myers,
Irving E. White,	John G. Clark.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures presented a report which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows :

Your committee recommend :

1. That $10 be appropriated for the expenses of the Fourth Annual Missionary Congress to be held at Buffalo, N. Y., June 8–10.
2. That according to the direction of Synod Presbytery elect as many ministers and elders as are elected to Synod and according to the same plan.
3. That no action be taken on the proposed overture for a reduction of the General Assembly's apportionment.

On motion, the Committee on Bills and Overtures was authorized to nominate the delegates to the Missionary Congress.

The Committee on Judicial Business reported that no business had been laid before them.

The Committee on Education reported recommending that Robert O. Kirkwood, a student in Princeton College, and a candidate under the care of this Presbytery, be recommended to the Board of Education for the same aid as last year. The report was accepted and adopted.

Moderators of Sessions of vacant churches were appointed as follows :

Rev. Robert P. Gibson, North Salem.
Rev. George William Knox, Portchester.
Rev. Oliver S. Dean, Patterson.
Rev. Charles E. Allison, Hastings 1st.
Rev. Robert P. Gibson, Gilead.
Rev. James H. Hoyt, Bedford.
Rev. Charles E. Lindsley, Hugenot Memorial.
Rev. J. Ritchie Smith, Peekskill 2d.

The sessions of these churches were granted leave to supply their pulpits until the next stated meeting of Presbytery. Spring Stated Meeting, April 21, 1896

The report of the Committee on Temperance was again taken up (p. 499), and on motion it was adopted. It is as follows:

According to the custom of the past blanks furnished by the Assembly's Committee on Temperance have been furnished to the session of every church within the bounds of Presbytery, and responses have been received from the following: White Plains, Croton Falls, Yonkers 1st, New Rochelle 1st, Peekskill 1st, Yorktown, Rye, South East Centre, Darien, Westminster, New Rochelle 2d, Irvington, Scarborough, Mt. Kisco, South Salem, Pound Ridge, Greenwich 1st, Thompsonville, and Sing Sing,— in all nineteen churches. The remaining nineteen have failed to respond.

The story told by each is about the same story told by all. There is no enthusiasm anywhere. There seems what the committee deem an unfortunate and sinful disposition to let this great moral subject be dealt with primarily by the hand of the civil law. There seems to be a failure to apprehend the fact that intemperance is one of the sins which closes the gates of heaven to the person addicted thereto.

Two sessions have committees on temperance. No special efforts seem to have been made during the past year. Much of the work seems to have been relegated to the Women's Christian Temperance Union. Some pastors preach about the dreadful thing, intemperance. We wonder whether they call it by its right name. Five churches only contribute to the General Assembly's Permanent Committee.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported nominating delegates to the Missionary Congress, and the persons nominated were elected. Their names are as follows:

Ministers. — Irving E. White, George R. Cutting, Wilson Phraner, Frank F. Blessing, Will A. Babbit, John A. Ingham, George William Knox.

Elders. — George E. Reed, Edward Wells, John G. Clark, William Smith, Benjamin Weed, Daniel E. Provost, William H. Parsons.

The first named was appointed chairman of the delegation, and was authorized to fill all vacancies.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension be instructed to try to effect the employment by the churches of every unemployed minister, who desires a charge, and secure a minister for every vacant pulpit, for which a minister is desired.

Rev. Hugh C. Townley of the Hudson River Central Baptist Association was invited to sit as corresponding member.

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It was ordered that the Stated Clerk communicate with the Synod's Committee on Services at Summer Resorts, stating that there are no places of summer resort within the bounds of this Presbytery unprovided within reasonable distance with preaching and worship after the forms and customs of the Presbyterian Church.

Messrs. James H. Rankin, William H. Johnson, and John B. Appel, candidates for the ministry, under the care of Presbytery, read statements, giving their theological beliefs; also portions of sermons. The candidates retired, and the Committee on Examinations reported, recommending that their examinations be sustained.

The roll was called, and the examinations were sustained, and it was ordered that they should be licensed to preach, after answering in the affirmative the constitutional questions. After prayer they were duly licensed to preach the Gospel in accordance with the requirements of Form of Government, XIV.

The call of the Bedford Church for the pastoral services of Licentiate James H. Rankin was presented to Presbytery, found in order, and placed in his hands. Mr. Rankin signified his acceptance.

Rev. Will A. Babbit and Elder John G. Clark were appointed a committee to make arrangements for Mr. Rankin's ordination and installation.

On motion, an invitation for the Intermediate Meeting from the Bedford Church was accepted.

A call was presented from the Gilead Church, Carmel, N. Y., for the pastoral services of Licentiate John B. Appel, found in order, and placed in his hands. Mr. Appel signified his acceptance.

Rev. John H. Trussell and Elder Samuel G. Cornish were appointed committee to make arrangements for his ordination and installation.

The committee to make arrangements for the ordination and installation of Licentiate James H. Rankin at Bedford, presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Time.— Intermediate meeting, June 16, 1896. *To preside and propound the constitutional questions* — The Moderator. *Sermon.*— Rev. George William Knox; Rev. James A. McWilliams, alternate. *Charge to the pastor.*— Rev. Will A. Babbit; Rev. Alvah G. Fessenden, alternate. *Charge to the people.*— Rev. Charles S. Lane; Rev. J. Ritchie Smith, alternate. Spring Stated Meeting, April 21, 1896.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That Presbytery recommend to the churches hereafter extending calls to state definitely in the call the length of the vacation given to the pastor.

Reports from ministers not pastors, in accordance with Standing Rule No. 34, were received from Rev. Messrs. Manfred P. Welcher, Wilson Phraner, Elias S. Schenck, Andrew B. Morse, Harris Ely Adriance, Rollin A. Sawyer, David Murdoch, Talmon C. Perry, and David A. Holbrook.

The committee to make arrangements for the ordination and installation of Licentiate John B. Appel as pastor of the Gilead Church, Carmel, N. Y., presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Time.— An adjourned meeting to be held at Carmel, N. Y., May 20, 7.30 P. M. *To preside and propound the constitutional questions.*— The Moderator. *Sermon.*— Rev. John H. Trussell; Rev. William J. Cumming, alternate. *Charge to the pastor.*— Rev. Oliver S. Dean; Rev. J. Ritchie Smith, alternate. *Charge to the people.*— Rev. Robert P. Gibson; Rev. Alexander Miller, alternate.

Notice was given of the following amendments to the Standing Rules:

1. That Rule 19 be amended by the adding after the word "church," line 21, the words — *except that on Temperance.*
2. That Rule 20 be amended so as to read — *The Committees on Narrative and Temperance shall*, etc.
3. That Rule 23 be amended so as to read — Nominations therefor shall be the first order of the morning session of the second day, and the election shall *take place at the noon recess* of the same day.

The Stated Clerk presented excuses for absence from the following, who were, on motion, excused:

Ministers.— Chauncey D. Rice, Andrew B. Morse, Elias S. Schenck, Daniel N. Freeland, Homer S. Newcomb, Charles E. Lindsley, Francis E. Smith, Charles E. Upson, and David A. Holbrook.
Elder.— Robert J. Cary of Hartford 1st.

The Committee on Leave of Absence presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Spring Stated Meeting, April 21, 1896.

Your committee has granted leave to the following:

Ministers.— Richard P. H. Vail, Oliver S. Dean, Frank F. Blessing, Theodore L. Van Norden, William N. Richie, Anthony R. Macoubrey, John A. Ingham, Will A. Babbit, John T. Wills, William B. Waller, John Alison, James A. McWilliams, Rollin A. Sawyer.

Elders.— George N. Fancher, Orrin D. Kingsley, M.D., Francis A. See, Joseph Barrett, Samuel G. Cornish, Malcolm T. Kerr, Daniel E. Provost, David I. Carson, Charles E. Harvey, John G. Clark, John Miller, William Matthews, Charles R. Otis.

Committee to prepare minute on death of Elder Lucius E. Clark (p. 486) presented a report, was accepted and ordered entered in the Necrology.

The thanks of Presbytery were extended to the pastor, officers, and members of the church for their hospitality.

The minutes of to-day's sessions were read and approved.

Recess was taken until 7.30 P. M.

Closed with prayer.

TUESDAY, 7.30 P. M.

Presbytery re-assembled.

After devotional exercises, an address on Foreign Missions was delivered by Mr. Robert E. Speer, Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions.

Presbytery then convened for business and was constituted with prayer.

The roll was called, and the following were found to have withdrawn without leave:

Ministers.— Thornton M. Niven, Henry R. White.

Elders.— Luther W. P. Morris, William McD. Halsey, David A. Nelson, W. Addison Burnham, Thomas Gilbert.

On motion, a vote of thanks was given to the speaker, Mr. Robert E. Speer, for his inspiring and profitable address.

The Minutes not already approved were read and approved.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet in Carmel, N. Y., Wednesday, May 20, 1896, 7.30 P. M.

W. J. CUMMING,
Stated Clerk.

RALPH E. PRIME,
Permanent Clerk.

OFFICERS OF PRESBYTERY.

Spring Stated Meeting. April 21, 1896.

Moderator — Rev. Frederick A. M. Brown, 35 Howe Street, New Haven, Conn. *Stated Clerk and Treasurer* — Rev. William J. Cumming, Yorktown, N. Y. *Permanent Clerk* — Elder Ralph E. Prime, Yonkers, N. Y. *Temporary Clerk* — Rev. Arthur Requa, Noroton, Conn.

TRUSTEES.

Ministers — Rollin A. Sawyer, Richard P. H. Vail, Thornton M. Niven, William B. Waller.

Elders — Edward Wells (*Clerk, Peekskill, N. Y.*), Uriah Hill, William H. Parsons, Thomas G. Ritch (*Treasurer, Stamford, Conn.*), Benjamin Weed.

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1896.

Churches,	38	Added on Examination,	319
Sunday-schools,	46	Added on Certificate,	299
Ministers,	59	Total Communicants,	7,906
Licentiates,	12	Adults Baptized,	93
Candidates,	4	Infants Baptized,	251
Elders,	168	Sunday-school Membership,	6,995
Deacons,	76		

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Home Missions,	$14,610	Synodical Aid Fund,	$726
Foreign Missions,	9,978	Aid for Colleges,	1,067
Education,	1,323	General Assembly,	872
Sunday-school Work,	1,959	Congregational,	122,338
Church Erection,	758	Anniversary Re-union Fund,	6,470
Relief Fund,	1,270	American Bible Society,	528
Freedmen,	1,540	Miscellaneous,	5,316
Total,			$168,755

CARMEL, N. Y., May 20, 1896. Adjourned Meeting, May 20, 1896.

The Presbytery of Westchester met pursuant to adjournment in the Gilead Presbyterian Church, Carmel, N. Y., Wednesday, May 20, 1896, at 7.30 P. M.

The following were present: —

Ministers — Oliver S. Dean, Alexander Miller, William J. Cumming, John H. Trussell. — 4.
Elder. — Samuel G. Cornish. — 1.
Total present, 5.

Corresponding members. — Rev. H. B. Waring of the Union Baptist Association, and Rev. ——— Count of the New York M. E. Conference.

Presbytery proceeded to the ordination of Licentiate John B. Appel to the Gospel ministry and his installation as pastor of the Gilead Church (p. 503).

After devotional exercises, a sermon was preached by Rev. John H. Trussell from the text, Rom. 8 : 6 — "For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace."

Rev. Oliver S. Dean, presiding minister in the absence of the Moderator, stated the action of Presbytery and propounded the constitutional questions.

Rev. William J. Cumming offered the ordaining prayer, and Mr. Appel was duly set apart to the office of the Gospel ministry with the laying on of the hands of Presbytery.

Rev. Oliver S. Dean gave the charge to the pastor, and Rev. Alexander Miller, alternate, to the people.

The benediction was pronounced by the newly ordained minister.

After the public meeting, Presbytery remained in session for business.

Rev. Messrs. H. B. Waring of the Union Baptist Association and ——— Count of the New York M. E. Conference were invited to sit as corresponding members.

It was ordered that the name of Rev. John B. Appel be enrolled.

Adjourned Meeting, May 20, 1896.

The action of Presbytery appointing the Intermediate Meeting at Bedford, N. Y., and that meeting as the time for the ordination and installation of Licentiate James H. Rankin as pastor of the Bedford Church (pp. 502–3) was reconsidered and rescinded.

It was ordered that the Intermediate Meeting be held in the Dayspring Church, Yonkers, N. Y.

The minutes were read and approved.

Presbytery then adjourned, to meet in the Dayspring Church, Yonkers, N. Y., Tuesday, June 16, 1896.

Closed with prayer.

W. J. CUMMING,
Stated Clerk.

RALPH E. PRIME,
Permanent Clerk.

YONKERS, N. Y., June 16, 1896. Intermediate Meeting, June 16, 1896.

The Presbytery of Westchester met pursuant to appointment in the Dayspring Church, Yonkers, N. Y., Tuesday, June 16, 1896, at 10.30 A. M.

In the absence of the Moderator, Presbytery was called to order by the Stated Clerk, Rev. W. J. Cumming, and constituted with prayer.

Rev. Thornton M. Niven was elected Moderator, *pro tem.*

The roll was called and the following found to be present:

Ministers.	*Churches.*	*Elders.*
Rollin A. Sawyer.		
	White Plains,	Edwin A. Slosson.
Thornton M. Niven,	Greensburgh,	Hezekiah King.
Henry M. Baird.		
Alexander Miller,	Mahopac Falls.	
	Stamford 1st,	Thomas G. Ritch.
Henry A. Davenport,	Bridgeport 1st,	R. Melvil Keys.
William B. Waller,	New Rochelle.	
	Peekskill 1st,	Edward Wells.
William J. Cumming,	Yorktown.	
George William Knox,	Rye,	William H. Parsons.
	Dayspring,	William Smith.
John H. Trussell,	S. E. Center.	
Thomas C. Straus,	Peekskill 2d,	Chas. C. Knight, M.D.
Charles S. Lane,	Mt. Vernon 1st.	
James A. McWilliams,	Sing Sing.	
Arthur Requa,	Darien.	
George R. Cutting,	Westminster,	Arthur S. Machin.
Francis E. Smith,	N. Rochelle 2d.	
John A. Ingham,	Irvington,	George M. Kendall.
Frank A. Wales,	Pound Ridge.	
John Allison.		
John B. Appel,	Gilead,	William H. Foster.
	Bedford,	John G. Clark.
	Yonkers 1st,	Everett B. Schoonmaker.
	19	13

Total present, ... 32

Ministers absent. — Eljas S. Schenck, Chauncey D. Rice, Daniel N. Freeland, Charles E. Lindsley, Wilson Phraner, David Murdoch, William Life, Talmon C. Perry, Andrew B. Morse, John Tatlock, Anthony R. Macoubrey, Edward B. Allen, Frederick A. M. Brown, Oliver S. Dean, David A. Holbrook, John T. Wills, Homer S. Newcomb, Theodore S. Pond, Richard P. H. Vail, Robert P. Gibson, Marcellus Bowen, R. Randall Hoes, Charles E. Upson, Willis W. Dowd, William N. Richie, J. Ritchie Smith, James H. Hoyt, William K. Eddy, Charles E. Allison, Irving E. White, David Laughlin, Manfred P. Welcher, Adrian V. S. Wallace, Harris Ely Adriance, Henry R.

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White, William W. Breckenridge, Frank F. Blessing, Alvah G. Fessenden, Theodore L. Van Norden, Will A. Babbit. — 40.

Churches not represented. — South East, New Haven 1st, Patterson, Greenwich 1st, Mahopac Falls, Croton Falls, New Rochelle, Yorktown, South East Center, Mt. Vernon 1st, Thompsonville, Sing Sing, Darien, New Rochelle 2d, Pleasantville, Hartford, Scarborough, Pound Ridge, Mt. Kisco, South Salem, Katonah, North Salem, Hastings 1st, Portchester, Huguenot Memorial. — 25.

Excused for absence. — Elias S. Schenck, Chauncey D. Rice, David Murdoch, Anthony R. Macoubrey, Theodore S. Pond, Richard P. H. Vail, Marcellus Bowen, J. Ritchie Smith, William K. Eddy, Charles E. Allison, Irving E. White, and Elder Ralph E. Prime.

Corresponding members. — Rev. Alexander Alison of the Presbytery of New York.

Rev. Alexander Alison of the Presbytery of New York was invited to sit as corresponding member.

In the absence of Rev. Charles E. Allison in Europe, Rev. Alexander Alison, who is supplying the pulpit of the Dayspring Church, welcomed Presbytery, and in behalf of the Committee of Arrangements recommended that a recess for lunch be taken at 12.30 P. M. The recommendation was adopted.

Rev. Thomas C. Straus was received by letter of dismission from the Presbytery of North River, and it was ordered that his name should be enrolled.

The death of Rev. William G. Jenkins at Hartford, Conn., March 3, 1896, was announced, and Rev. William Watson Breckenridge was appointed to prepare a minute for the Necrology.

Elder John G. Clark was appointed a committee to complete arrangements for the ordination and installation of Licentiate James H. Rankin at Bedford, N. Y. (p. 508).

The Stated Clerk was authorized to purchase 3,000 copies of the statistical report of Presbytery for distribution in our churches.

A minute on the death of Elder Andrew Sloane (p. 495) was read, and it was ordered that it should be entered in the Necrology.

Rev. Irving E. White reported by letter that he had declared the pulpit of the Second Church of Peekskill, N. Y., vacant on April 26 (p. 496).

The application of the Pleasantville Church for aid from the Synodical Aid Fund was referred to the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension. Intermediate Meeting, June 16, 1896.

A call from the Second Church of Peekskill, N. Y., for the pastoral services of Rev. Thomas C. Straus was presented. The commissioner of the church, Mr. Stephen Lent, was heard, and the minutes of the congregational meeting read.

The call was found in order and placed in Mr. Straus' hands, who signified its acceptance.

Rev. Mr. Straus, Elder Charles C. Knight, and the commissioner from the church were appointed a committee to arrange for the installation.

An invitation from the First Church of Bridgeport, Conn., for the Fall Stated Meeting, was accepted with thanks.

The chairman of the committee to bring the Armenian resolutions to the attention of government (p. 495) made a verbal report, which was accepted.

The committee appointed to confer with the Hastings Church (p. 499) reported that they had been unable to arrange for a meeting. The report was accepted and the committee continued.

The committee to complete arrangements for the ordination and installation of Licentiate James H. Rankin at Bedford (p. 510) presented are port which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Time— An adjourned meeting to be held June 23, 2 P. M. *To preside and offer ordaining prayer*— Rev. Thornton M. Niven. *Sermon* —Rev. George W. Knox; Rev. James A. McWilliams, alternate. *Charge to the pastor*— Rev. Charles S. Lane; Rev. J. Ritchie Smith, alternate. *Charge to the people*— Rev. James H. Hoyt; Rev. Will A. Babbit, alternate.

The committee to make arrangements for the installation of Rev. Thomas C. Straus as pastor of the Second Church of Peekskill, N. Y., presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Time— June 30, 7.45 P. M. *To preside and offer prayer of installation*— The Moderator; Rev. Thornton M. Niven, alternate. *Sermon*

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—Rev. George R. Cutting; Rev. William J. Cumming, alternate. *Charge to the pastor*—Rev. J. Ritchie Smith; Rev. Thornton M. Niven, alternate. *Charge to the people*—Rev. Charles S. Lane; Rev. John A. Ingham, alternate.

Presbytery, having been informed of the recent death of Mrs. Hollister, wife of Elder David F. Hollister of the Bridgeport Church, it was voted that Elder Thomas G. Ritch, on behalf of Presbytery, express to Mr. Hollister their sincere sympathy with him in his sorrow.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed by the Moderator to compare our rules for keeping Sessional records with the requirements of the Form of Government and the Book of Discipline and with the decisions of the General Assembly interpreting the same, and, if the committee judge it proper, to propose at the Fall Stated Meeting such changes in the aforesaid rules as shall bring them into harmony with the laws and usage of the Church.

Rev. Messrs. John A. Ingham and William J. Cumming and Elder William H. Parsons were appointed the committee called for by the resolution.

The Stated, Permanent, and Temporary Clerks were appointed a committee to revise the Standing Committees.

A request was presented from Licentiate Norman C. Whittemore to be ordained as an evangelist, Mr. Whittemore being under appointment of the Board of Foreign Missions as a missionary to Korea.

His examination for licensure was accepted for that of ordination.

Rev. George W. Knox and Elder William H. Parsons were appointed a committee to arrange for his ordination.

Rev. Thomas C. Straus was appointed Moderator of the Session of the Second Church of Peekskill, N. Y.

Rev. Henry M. Baird presented an excuse for past absence from meetings of Presbytery, and as Moderator of the Session of First Church, Yonkers, N. Y., made a verbal report with reference to its efforts to secure a pastor.

The Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension presented a report recommending the Pleasantville Church to the Board of Home Missions for aid to the amount of $200 from the Synodical Aid Fund. Adopted.

The committee to arrange for the ordination of Licenciate Norman C. Whittemore presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows: Intermediate Meeting, June 16, 1896.

Time — An adjourned meeting to be held Sunday, July 12, 11 A. M. *Place* — Presbyterian Church, Rye, N. Y. *To preside and offer ordaining prayer* — The Moderator; Rev. Thornton M. Niven, alternate. *Sermon* — Rev. Charles S. Lane. *Charge* — Rev. George William Knox.

A vote of thanks was extended to the Dayspring Church for its hospitality.

The minutes were read and approved.

Presbytery adjourned to meet in the Presbyterian Church, Bedford, N. Y., Tuesday, June 23, 1896.

Closed with prayer.

W. J CUMMING,
Stated Clerk.

RALPH E. PRIME,
Permanent Clerk.

Bedford, N. Y., June 23, 1896. Adjourned Meeting, June 23, 1896.

The Presbytery of Westchester met pursuant to adjournment in the Presbyterian Church, Bedford, N. Y., Tuesday, June 23, 1896, at 2 p. m.

In the absence of the Moderator, Rev. Frederick A. M. Brown, Rev. Thornton M. Niven presided.

The following were present:

Ministers. — Rollin A. Sawyer, Thornton M. Niven, George William Knox, William J. Cumming, Frank A. Wales, Theodore L. Van Norden, Will A. Babbit. — 7.
Elders. — John G. Clark, Edwin A. Slosson, George N. Fancher. — 3.
Total present,..... 10

After devotional exercises a sermon was preached by Rev. George William Knox from the text, Is. 42: 1—"Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect in whom my soul delighteth."

The presiding minister stated the action of Presbytery (p. 511), and propounded the constitutional questions (Form of Government, Chap. XV, Sec. 12), and offered the prayer of ordination, and Licentiate James H. Rankin was set apart to the work of the ministry.

In the absence of both principal and alternate (p. 511), Rev. Rollin A. Sawyer delivered the charge to the pastor, and Rev. Will A. Babbitt, alternate, the charge to the people.

The benediction was pronounced by the newly-ordained and installed pastor.

Presbytery continued its session after the public service.

It was ordered that the name of Rev. James H. Rankin be enrolled.

It was ordered that a letter of recommendation should be given to Rev. Willis W. Dowd for the post of chaplain of the Connecticut State Prison.

The minutes were read and approved.

Adjourned Meeting, June 23, 1896.

Presbytery adjourned to meet in the Presbyterian Church, Rye, N. Y., Sunday, July 12, 1896, at 11 a. m.

Closed with prayer.

W. J. CUMMING,
Stated Clerk.

RALPH E. PRIME,
Permanent Clerk.

Rye, N. Y., July 12, 1896.

Adjourned Meeting July 12, 1896.

The Presbytery of Westchester met pursuant to adjournment in the Presbyterian Church, Rye, N. Y., Sunday, July 12, 1896, at 11 a. m., and was constituted with prayer.

The following were present:

Ministers. — J. Ritchie Smith, George William Knox, and Charles S. Lane.

Elders. — A. Noel Blakeman and William H. Parsons.

In the absence of the Moderator, and of Rev. Thornton M. Niven, alternate (p. 513), Rev. J. Ritchie Smith was elected Moderator *pro tem.*, and Elder William H. Parsons Clerk, *pro tem.*

After devotional exercises, a sermon was preached by Rev. Charles S. Lane from the text, Mark 16: 15 — "And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."

The Moderator *pro tem.* stated the action of Presbytery (p. 513), propounded the constitutional questions (Form of Government, Chap. XV, Secs. XII and XV), and offered the prayer of ordination, and Licentiate Norman C. Whittemore was set apart with the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery to the Gospel Ministry as an evangelist.

The charge to the evangelist was delivered by Rev. George William Knox.

The benediction was pronounced by the newly-ordained minister.

After the public service, Presbytery continued its session.

It was ordered that the name of Rev. Norman C. Whittemore should be enrolled.

The minutes were read and approved.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet in the First Presbyterian Church, Bridgeport, Conn., Monday, October 5, 1896.

Closed with prayer.

W. J. CUMMING,
Stated Clerk.

RALPH E. PRIME,
Permanent Clerk.

Fall Stated Meeting, Oct 5, 1896.

Bridgeport, Conn., October 5, 1896.

The Presbytery of Westchester met pursuant to appointment, in the First Presbyterian Church, Bridgeport, Conn., Monday, October 5, 1896, at 7:45 p. m.

After devotional exercises a sermon was preached by the Moderator, Rev. Frederick A. M. Brown, from the text, 1 Cor. 1: 22, 23, and 24 — "For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom; but we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumbling-block, and unto the Greeks foolishness; but unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God."

Presbytery was then constituted, with prayer by the Moderator.

The roll was called, and the following were found to be present:

Ministers.	*Churches.*	*Elders.*
Daniel N. Freeland (2).		
Rollin A. Sawyer (2).		
	White Plains,	Edwin A Slosson (2).
Thornton M. Niven,	Greenburgh,	Hezekiah King (2).
Frederick A. M. Brown,	New Haven 1st,	Charles E. Corwin.
Oliver S. Dean,	Patterson,	Jas. H. Thompson, Jr.
John T. Wills,	Greenwich 1st,	George T. Rennie (2).
Theodore S. Pond.		
Alexander Miller,	Mahopac Falls,	Irving Wright (2).
Richard P. H. Vail (2),	Stamford 1st,	Charles B. Dolsen (2).
Robert P. Gibson,	Croton Falls.	
Henry A. Davenport,	Bridgeport,	David F. Hollister.
	New Rochelle,	John G. Ross (2).
Charles E. Upson.		
J. Ritchie Smith,	Peekskill 1st,	Sanford R. Knapp.
William J. Cumming,	Yorktown,	Henry White.
George William Knox,	Rye,	Edw. P. Whittemore (2).
John H. Trussell,	South East Centre.	
Thomas C. Straus,	Peekskill 2d.	
Charles S. Lane,	Mt. Vernon 1st,	Ransom E. Wilcox (2).
Adrian V. S. Wallace,	Thompsonville.	
	Sing Sing,	Henry C. Holbrook.
Arthur Requa,	Darien,	Sands S. Bishop (2).
George R. Cutting,	Westminster,	William L. Odell.
Francis E. Smith,	New Rochelle 2d.	
Harris Ely Adriance (2).		
Henry R. White,	Pleasantville,	Willet C. Brown.
Wm. W. Breckenridge (2),	Hartford.	
John A. Ingham,	Irvington.	
Frank F. Blessing,	Scarborough,	Francis A. See.

Ministers.	*Churches.*	*Elders.*	
Frank A Wales.	Pound Ridge,	Henry W. Miller.	Fall Stated Meeting, Oct. 5, 1896.
Alvah G. Fessenden,	Mt. Kisco,	Ebenezer G. Platt.	
	South Salem,	Harry L. St. John.	
John B. Appel,	Gilead.		
James H. Rankin,	Bedford.	John G. Clark.	
	Portchester,	Dan'l P. Townsend (2).	
Joseph H. Robinson,	Huguenot Mem'l,	David I. Carson.	
	Yonkers 1st,	Ralph E. Prime.	
	32	25	
Total present			57

Ministers absent. — Elias S Schenck, Chauncey D. Rice, Charles E. Lindsley, Wilson Phraner, David Murdoch, William Life, Talmon C. Perry, Andrew B Morse, John Tatlock, Anthony R. Macoubrey, Edward B. Allen, David A. Holbrook, Henry M. Baird, Homer S. Newcomb, Marcellus Bowen, William B. Waller, R. Randall Hoes, Willis W. Dowd, William N. Richie, James H. Hoyt, William K. Eddy, Charles E. Allison Irving E. White, David Laughlin, Manfred P. Welcher, James A. McWilliams, Theodore L. Van Norden, Will A. Babbit, John Alison, Norman C. Whittemore. — 30.

Churches not represented. — South East, Croton Falls, Dayspring, South East Centre, Peekskill 2d, Thompsonville, New Rochelle 2d, Hartford, Irvington, Katonah, Gilead, North Salem, Hastings 1st. — 13.

Excused for absence — Elias S. Schenck, Chauncey D. Rice, Marcellus Bowen, Henry M. Baird, William K. Eddy, Irving E. White. David Laughlin, Andrew B. Morse, Anthony R. Macoubrey, Will A. Babbit, William B. Waller, John Alison, Talmon C. Perry, Manfred P. Welcher, Homer S. Newcomb, Willis W. Dowd, David Murdoch, Theodore L. Van Norden, Norman C. Whittemore.

Corresponding members. — Benjamin L. Swan of the Presbytery of Nassau. Rev. John H. Brown of the Presbytery of Lehigh. Rev. Charles R. Gillett of the Presbytery of New York. Rev. H. D. Cone of the Diocese of Connecticut. Rev. W. E. Jeffries of the N. Y. E. Conference. Rev. W. N. Morton of the Fairfield Co. Baptist Association.

Rev. John A. Ingham was elected Moderator.

Elder Ralph E. Prime was elected permanent clerk for the term of one year.

Rev. Arthur Requa and Elder Sanford R. Knapp were elected temporary clerks.

The Committee of Arrangements presented a report which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Tuesday, 8.30 A. M. — Devotional meeting led by Rev. Thomas C. Straus. 9.30 A. M., 12 M. and 2.05 P. M., business sessions. That if business holds on and brethren hold over a service of Presbyterial Outlook occupy the evening.

Presbytery then adjourned until 8:30 a. m. to-morrow.

Closed with prayer.

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The Presbytery met at 8:30 a. m., and spent one hour in devotional exercises, led by Rev. Thomas C. Straus.

The Presbytery was then constituted with prayer.

The roll was called, and the following, not present yesterday, answered to their names:

Ministers. — Daniel N. Freeland, Rollin A. Sawyer, Richard P. H. Vail, Harris Ely Adriance, William W. Breckenridge. — 5.
Elders. — Edwin A. Slosson, Hezekiah King, George T. Rennie, Irving Wright, Charles B. Dolsen, John G. Ross, Edward P. Whittemore, Ransom E. Wilcox, Sands S. Bishop, Daniel P. Townsend. — 10.

Rev. Benjamin L. Swan of the Presbytery of Nassau was invited to sit as corresponding member.

The minutes of last evening's session were read and approved.

Two communications from the Board of Home Missions were referred to the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension.

A communication from the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly was referred to the Committee on Young People's Societies.

A communication from the Synodical Superintendent was referred to the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension.

Rev. Joseph H. Robinson was received by letter of dismission from the Presbytery of New York, and it was ordered that his name should be enrolled.

A communication from the Board of Ministerial Relief was referred to the Committee on Ministerial Relief.

The Stated Clerk reported that he had given to Licentiate William Edgar Plumley, at his request, a letter of dismission to the Presbytery of Lackawanna, and on motion, the action of the Stated Clerk was approved.

A communication from the General Assembly's Committee on Systematic Beneficence was referred to the Committee on Systematic Beneficence.

A letter from Rev. William Hart Dexter of the Presbytery of Boston was read, and it was ordered that he be heard, as the third order of the afternoon, on the subject of the proposed Synod of New England. Fall Stated Meeting, Oct. 6, 1896.

The Treasurer presented his annual report, which was accepted, and referred to the Committee on Finance. It is as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING OCTOBER 1, 1896.

Receipts.

Cash on hand Oct. 1, 1895 — Presbyterial Fund,	$191 07	
Education,	88.58—	$279.65
Assessments, 1895,	13.79	
Assessments, 1896,	826.34—	840.13
R. E. Prime, extra copies of Report of Committee on Expenses of the Boards,		5.00
Total,		$1,124.78

Disbursements.

Salary — Stated Clerk,		$100.00
Expense — Postage,	$29.38	
Expressage,	5.35	
Telegram,	.25	
Stationery,	4.24	
Blanks,	1.38	
Statistical Reports,	6.50—	47.10
Printing — Minutes,	114.10	
Reports of Committee on Expenses of Boards,	6.65	
Notices, etc.,	6.25—	127.00
Apportionments — General Assembly,	554.61	
Synod, 1895,	39.62	
Missionary Congress,	10.00—	604.23
Delegates to the Synod, Expenses of,		54.00
Total,		$923.33

Cash in Westchester Co. Nat. Bank —		
Presbyterial Fund,	$103.87	
Education,	88.58—	$192.45
Cash on hand available for expenses,		103.87

Estimated Expenses to April 1, 1897.

Salary of Stated Clerk,	$50.00
Expenses,	25.00
Apportionment of Synod, 1896,	47.00
Printing minutes,	50.00
Expenses of Delegates to Synod,	15.00
Total,	$187.00
Estimated deficit,	84.00

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Unpaid Assessments — Hartford, 1893,		$28.97	
" 1894,		27.91	
" 1895,		28.59	
" 1896,		30.33—	115.80
Hastings 1st, 1894,		6.59	
" 1895,		6.60	
" 1896,		6.52—	19.71
Port Chester, 1895,		15.02	
" 1896,		13.05—	28.07
Croton Falls, 1896,			10.60
Greenwich 1st, 1896,			20.44
Patterson, 1896,			15.08
Total,			$209.70

The Moderator announced the following committees:

I. BILLS AND OVERTURES.

Ministers. — Frederick A. M. Brown, John H. Trussell, and James H. Rankin.
Elders. — David I. Carson, and Henry White.

II. JUDICIAL BUSINESS.

Ministers. — Thornton M. Niven, Frank F. Blessing, and George R. Cutting.
Elders. — John G. Clark and Henry C. Holbrook.

III. SESSIONAL RECORDS.

Ministers. — Charles S. Lane, Robert P. Gibson, and Thomas C. Straus.
Elders. — James H. Thompson, Jr., Edwin A. Slosson, and Edward P. Whittemore.

IV. FINANCE.

Minister. — Oliver S. Dean.
Elder. — Francis A. See.

V. LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

Minister. — William J. Cumming.
Elder. — Sanford R. Knapp.

V. TELLERS.

Minister. — John B. Appel.
Elder. — Henry W. Miller.

The following were placed in nomination as delegates to the Synod:

Ministers. — John T. Wills, Theodore L. Van Norden, James H. Rankin, George W. Knox, Frank A. Wales, Alvah G. Fessenden, George R. Cutting, Rollin A. Sawyer, Thomas C. Straus, Arthur Requa, Frederick A. M. Brown, Adrian V. S. Wallace, Francis E. Smith, Henry A. Davenport, Charles S. Lane, Richard P. H. Vail.

Elders. — Edward F. Parsons, M.D., Henry White, Joseph Barrett, John C. Rockwell, Henry Strang, Henry Parsons, Ralph E. Prime, Sanford R. Knapp, Thomas G. Ritch, Charles E. Harvey, George W. Banks, John H. Dey, Hezekiah King, A. Noel Blakeman. Fall Stated Meeting, Oct. 6, 1896.

Rev. John T. Wills, pastor, and Elder George T. Rennie presented statements with respect to the condition of the First Church of Greenwich, Conn.

On motion they were referred to a committee consisting of Rev. Messrs. Thornton M. Niven, George William Knox, and Richard P. H. Vail, and Elders Charles B. Dolsen and Edward P. Whittemore, with instructions to report this afternoon. The report was made the fourth order for this afternoon.

Rev. George William Knox presented a statement with respect to the Port Chester Church, and on motion it was referred to the Committee on the Greenwich Church named above.

Rev. John H. Brown of the Lehigh Presbytery was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The Committee on Education presented a report which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Your Committee call attention to the fact that the Board has been obliged, in order to avoid a crushing debt, to reduce the appropriation to students to the small sum of $60. Only 25 of our churches gave to this cause this year as against 30 last year. The total amount, to be sure, is larger, $1,110 against $690; but of this more than $500 was the gift of a single church, Sing Sing, an amount so much in excess of the ordinary contributions even of that giving church that it is probably some special gift or legacy. With this exception most of the churches show a decrease over last year, and allowing for this special gift the contributions of this Presbytery would be only $600 instead of about $700 last year.

The Board also asks that the Presbytery give careful consideration to the plan for giving a fourth year training to the graduates of seminaries by commissioning them to serve for a definite period in the mission field at home or abroad.

We recommend in accordance with the suggestion of the Board: —

1. That this plan be referred to a committee to be appointed by the Moderator with instructions to report at the present meeting of Presbytery.

2. We recommend also in accordance with the suggestion of the Board that the Committee on Education be instructed to write to the pastor of each church or session of each pastorless church, urging that a contribution be made to the Board of Education before April next, and that an effort be made to have the contribution in each church amount to at least ten cents a member.

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The Moderator appointed Rev. Thomas C. Straus, and Elder Edwin A. Slosson the committee called for by the first recommendation.

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Your Committee call attention to the following action of the General Assembly:

1. Observance of the Sabbath, p. 25.
2. Day of Prayer for schools and colleges, p. 46.
3. Requirements as to churches applying for aid from Board of Home Missions, p. 50.
4. Sabbath-schools to take collection for educational work on Sunday preceding Thanksgiving, p. 52.
5. Sunday preceding or succeeding Day of Prayer for Colleges to be Education Day in the interest of Board of Aid for Colleges, p. 57.
6. Society of Christian Endeavor, its relation to the church, p. 62.
7. Exclusive use of Bible during lesson hour, p. 83.
8. Temperance, p. 137.
9. Narrative of the state of religion, p. 174.

The amendments to the Standing Rules, 19, 20, and 23 (p. 503), were taken up and adopted.

The committee to install Rev. Thomas C. Straus pastor of the Second Church of Peekskill, N. Y. (p. 511), reported the discharge of that duty in accordance with the instructions of the Presbytery.

The Committee on Finance reported that they had examined the Treasurer's accounts, compared the same with the vouchers, and found them correct, and recommended their approval. Adopted.

Mr. Alfred E. Lewis, a local evangelist under the care of the Presbytery (p. 464), made a verbal report of his work, and on motion his license was renewed for another year.

Rev. James H. Rankin was appointed to draft the narrative for the Spring Stated Meeting, and Rev. Alvah G. Fessenden, alternate.

The Committee on Finance made a supplementary report recommending that on the payment of $44.62 by the Hartford Church all the indebtedness of that church to Presbytery be canceled.

The committee to revise the standing committees presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows: Fall Stated Meeting, Oct. 6, 1896.

I. EXAMINATIONS.

1. Religious Experience and Views in Seeking the Ministry.

The Moderator.

2. Standing Committee.

Ministers. — J. Ritchie Smith, Alexander Miller, Robert P. Gibson, Anthony R. Macoubrey, Charles S. Lane, George R. Cutting.
Elders — Edward Wells, William McD. Halsey, Samuel H. Wilson.
The committee is to elect its own chairman.

II. WORK OF THE CHURCH.

1. Home Missions and Church Extension.

Ministers. — William B. Waller, Richard P. H. Vail, Manfred P. Welcher, James A. McWilliams, Francis E. Smith.
Elders. — William H. Parsons, David F. Hollister, Thomas G. Ritch, Charles R. Otis.

2. Foreign Missions.

Ministers. — George William Knox, J. Ritchie Smith, Frank F. Blessing.
Elders. — Stanton Cady, Theodore Gilman.

3. Education.

Ministers. — Charles S. Lane, George R. Cutting, Frederick A. M. Brown.
Elders. — Henry Parsons, David I. Carson.

4. Publication and Sabbath-School Work.

Ministers. — Charles E. Allison, Adrian V. S. Wallace, John Alison.
Elders. — William Mabie, George W. Banks.

5. Church Erection.

Ministers. — Frank A. Wales, Henry R. White.
Elder. — Albert Chamberlain.

6. Ministerial Relief.

Minister. — Thornton M. Niven.
Elders. — Henry M. Lester, Joseph Barrett, Robert L. Wilde, Henry White, Alexander O. Kirkwood.

7. Freedmen.

Ministers. — John H. Trussell, Oliver S. Dean.
Elder. — Orson W. Sloat.

8. Aid for Colleges and Academies.

Ministers. — John T. Wills, Henry M. Baird.
Elder. — Benjamin Weed.

9. Temperance.

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Ministers. — Theodore L Van Norden, Alvah G. Fessenden.
Elder. — Sanford R. Knapp.

10. Systematic Beneficence.

Rev. John A. Ingham and the chairman of committees 1–9.

11. Presbyterial Visitation.

Ministers. — Henry A. Davenport, Will A. Babbit.
Elder. — Francis W. Marsh.

12. Young People's Societies.

Ministers. — Arthur Requa, Thomas C. Straus, Frank F. Blessing.
Elders. — Clarence L. Reid, Charles E. Harvey.

The committee to prepare a minute on the death of Rev. William G. Jenkins (p. 510) presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and ordered entered in the Necrology.

The Committee to revise the rules for keeping sessional records (p. 512) presented a report which was accepted.

Pending its consideration, Presbytery took a recess until 2 p. m.

Closed with prayer.

Tuesday, 2 p. m.

Presbytery reassembled, and was opened with prayer.

Consideration of the report of the committee to revise the rules for keeping sessional records was resumed, and after amendment the report was adopted. It is as follows:

Your committee find four sets of rules adopted by Presbytery at different times, bearing dates of 1874, 1884, 1890, and 1895. A careful comparison shows that they are in substance and in almost every detail identical. The attempted enforcement of these rules by exceptions taken has developed friction, and when fifty exceptions were taken by the Committee on Sessional Records at Peekskill last spring, Presbytery decided to abandon the attempt to enforce its own rules, and all records presented were approved.

In view of these facts, it seems evident that our rules must be radically changed, or else we must have an understanding that they are not really intended to be kept literally or exactly. May it not be that we shall find the true solution in returning to the simplicity of the fathers, being content with the provisions of the fundamental law? Have we not been seeking an unnecessary and impracticable uniformity of detail

in all our records, where a unity in the essentials is easily attainable and meets all the requirements?

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Your committee beg leave to call attention to the requirements of the constitution as given in Form of Government, chap. IX, secs. VIII and IX, and the Book of Discipline, secs. 71 and 72; and also to the decisions of the General Assembly (Minutes, 1883, p. 631, and 1892, pp. 153, 212–13), which denies the right of the Presbytery to pass rules for the conduct of the church sessions and to take exception to the proceedings of the church sessions that are not according to said rules when the rules are not prescribed by our Form of Government or Book of Discipline.

Your committee therefore recommend:

1. That all rules heretofore adopted for the guidance of church sessions in recording the minutes of their proceedings be repealed.

2. That a leaflet be printed and sent to the several sessions embodying the brief sections of the constitution referred to above as comprising the fundamental law in the matter, the same to be followed by a series of suggestions designed to secure complete, accurate, concise records, convenient for reference.

The committee submit a proposed draft for such leaflet, as follows:

INFORMATION

FOR

CHURCH SESSIONS IN RECORDING THE MINUTES OF THEIR PROCEEDINGS.

The Presbytery herewith enjoins upon the sessions, charged with the spiritual government and edification of the churches over which they are placed, the solemnity of the work of keeping the record of their proceedings as a service rendered unto the Head of the Church; therefore the need of fidelity and care in this work. The duty of becoming familiar with our Form of Government and Book of Discipline is urged upon the Ruling Eldership. Especial attention is asked to the following provisions:

"Every session shall keep a fair record of its proceedings; which record shall be at least once in each year submitted to the inspection of presbytery.

"It is important that every church session keep a fair register of marriages; of baptisms, with the times of birth of the individuals baptized; of persons admitted to the Lord's table; and of the deaths and other removals of church members." (Form of Government, chap. IX, secs. VIII and IX.)

"All proceedings of the church shall be reported to, and reviewed by, the session, and by its order incorporated with its records. Every judicatory above a session shall review, at least once a year, the records of the proceedings of the judicatory next below; and, if the lower judicatory shall omit to send up its records for this purpose, the higher may require them to be produced, either immediately or at a specified time, as circumstances may determine.

"In such review, the judicatory shall examine, first, whether the proceedings have been correctly recorded; second, whether they have been constitutional and regular; third, whether they have been wise, equitable, and for the edification of the church." (Book of Discipline, secs. 71 and 72.)

SUGGESTIONS.

The observance of the following suggestions will tend to secure records at once accurate, concise, complete, and convenient for reference.

1. Record the place of meeting, with full date, day, month, and year.

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2. Record the presence or absence of the several members of session.
3. Record the opening and closing of meeting with prayer; if meeting immediately follows a religious service, and no opening prayer is made, record the fact.
4. Record the approval of minutes.
5. Record only the motions that are carried, unless session orders otherwise; then record such order.
6. Record the reception of persons into the communion of the church, in every case entering the full name, and, if wife or widow, the Christian name of husband. Distinguish (*a*) those received by letter from other churches; (*b*) the baptized children of the church admitted to full communion; and (*c*) unbaptized persons admitted to both baptism and the Lord's Supper (See Directory for Worship, chap. X.)
7. Record dismission of members, giving full names.
8. Record every step in case of discipline.
9. Record statistical report.
10. Record the fact of the celebration of the Lord's Supper.
11. Review and record the proceedings of the church.
12. Have the Minute Book paged, and when reference is made to action of previous meeting, enter plainly the page where such action is recorded.
13. Records should be written as plainly and neatly as possible, without erasures or interlineations.
14. No change or erasure of the record is to be made after a review of the same by Presbytery, without a reference to that judicatory.
15. The record of each meeting must be signed by the Moderator or Clerk.

The Committee on Sessional Records presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Your committee recommends the approval of the records of the following churches without exception: White Plains, New Rochelle 2d, Bedford, Stamford 1st, Sing Sing, Hartford, Darien, Croton Falls, New Rochelle, Mt Vernon 1st, Irvington, Gilead, Greenburgh, Bridgeport, Mahopac Falls.

Also the following, with the exception that the statistical report is not recorded: Patterson, Mt. Kisco, Port Chester.

Rev. William Hart Dexter of the Presbytery of Boston was heard, as ordered by Presbytery (p. 521) in relation to the proposed Synod of New England, and the subject, on motion, was referred to the pastors and elders in Presbytery of the churches in Connecticut.

Rev. Charles R. Gillett of the Presbytery of New York was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

A call from the Huguenot Memorial Church, Pelham Manor, N. Y., for the pastoral services of Rev. Joseph H. Robinson, was presented, found in order, and, after the commissioners of the church and session were heard, placed

in his hands, and by him accepted. A committee, consisting of Rev. Messrs. Harris Ely Adriance and Joseph H. Robinson, and Elder David I. Carson, was appointed to make arrangements for his installation. Fall Stated Meeting, Oct. 6, 1896.

Rev. H. D. Cone of the Diocese of Connecticut, Rev. W. E. Jeffries of N. Y. East Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Rev. W. N. Morton of the Fairfield Co. Baptist Association, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

The tellers presented their report, and the following were declared elected delegates to the Synod:

PRINCIPALS.

Ministers.	*Elders.*
Richard P. H. Vail,	Sanford R. Knapp.
Henry A. Davenport,	Ralph E. Prime.
George R. Cutting,	Henry White.
George William Knox,	Thomas G. Ritch.
John T. Wills,	A. Noel Blakeman.
Charles S. Lane,	Henry Parsons.
Arthur Requa,	Edward F. Parsons, M.D.

ALTERNATES.

Adrian V. S. Wallace,	John C. Rockwell.
James H. Rankin,	Joseph Barrett.
Frank A. Wales,	John H. Day.
Rollin A. Sawyer,	Charles E. Harvey.
Frederick A. M. Brown,	Henry Strang.
Alvah G Fessenden,	George W Banks.
Theodore L. Van Norden,	Hezekiah King.

The Committee, to which was referred the plan of the Board of Education for a fourth year of training for the graduates of our seminaries (p. 524), presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Your committee to which was referred the "Outline of a Plan for the commissioning of students of the Theological Seminaries of the church at the end of their course to serve for a definite period in the Mission Fields at home or abroad," respectfully reports that they have carefully examined the plan with regard to its purpose and fitness, and find that while its intention is obviously praiseworthy, its method appears to be impracticable; and, therefore, we recommend that the plan be disapproved by the Presbytery.

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The Committee on Foreign Missions presented a report, which was accepted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Foreign Missions report that the Missionary Convention held in the Mt. Vernon Church in December last was attended by representatives of eighteen of our churches. The generous hospitality of the Mt. Vernon Church made abundant provision for all who were present, and no effort was spared on part of the pastor and officers to insure the success of the convention. The addresses at both sessions were of a high order of ability, and the hope was often expressed that similar meetings might be held from time to time. The offering at the evening service was sufficient to meet all expenses and leave a small balance in the hands of the committee.

According to the Minutes of the General Assembly, the churches of our Presbytery contributed in all the sum of $9,978 during the year past. For the previous year the amount was $9,404, an increase of $574. Three of our churches gave nothing — North Salem, Hastings 1st, and Portchester.

According to the report of the Board, the increase of our gifts for the past year was $473.30, not including the Women's Board. Ours is one of six Presbyteries in the Synod which have increased their contributions over the year preceding. It should be noted that the Sabbath-schools of 23 of our churches appear upon the report of the Board as contributing nothing to this cause.

The Committee on Freedmen presented a report, which was accepted, and is as follows:

Last year our own Presbytery gave to this Board $1,279.63 as against $1,199.83 for the year previous, being an increase of $79.80. It is gratifying to know that we have not shared in the decrease, yet the question remains, Have we done what we could?

The Committee to arrange for the installation of Rev. Joseph H. Robinson as pastor of the Huguenot Memorial Church (p. 529) presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Time — Wednesday evening, November 11. *To preside and propound the constitutional questions* — The moderator. *Prayer of installation* — Rev. Rollin A. Sawyer. *Sermon* — Rev. Charles L. Thompson of the Presbytery of New York, to be invited; Rev. Charles S. Lane, alternate. *Charge to the pastor* — Rev. A. C. McGiffert of the Presbytery of New York, to be invited; Rev. Francis E. Smith, alternate. *Charge to the people* — Rev. Harris Ely Adriance; Rev. William B. Waller, alternate.

The Committee on Systematic Beneficence presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

We note the following facts, for which our churches should be commended:

1. About the same number of churches as last year contributed to all the Boards, viz.: 23 out of 38, nearly two-thirds.

2. Without counting the special offerings for the Anniversary Reunion Fund, the churches of Presbytery have contributed for benevolent objects about $630 more than last year, and for congregation purposes about $3,400 more. Adding to these sums the additional amount contributed for the Anniversary Reunion Fund, $6,470, we have a total increase of about $10,500 over last year. This increase is the more gratifying in view of a fact, which, of itself, is cause for deep reflection, viz: that we report fewer communicants by 17, and fewer Sunday-school scholars by 322 Fall Stated Meeting, Oct. 6, 1896.

Gratifying as this increase is, still we find that more than one-third of our churches still persist in making no offering to one or more of our Boards. The strong probability is that in most of these cases no opportunity was given to the congregation to make contributions.

The following recommendations are suggested for adoption:

1. Presbytery would direct the pastor or session of each church to see that at least the opportunity is given to their congregation to contribute to each Board during the year unless some unusual and weighty reason makes it plainly advisable occasionally to omit one or more of the Boards

2. That in accordance with the fifth resolution adopted last year (Minutes, p. 493) that the following churches be now called upon to state the reason for their failure to contribute to all the Boards, viz.: New Haven 1st, 4 blanks; Patterson, 2; Greenwich 1st, 6; Yorktown, 1; Dayspring, 2; Peekskill 2d, 3; New Rochelle 2d, 3; Pleasantville, 5; Hartford, 6; Gilead, 2; South Salem, 1; Bedford, 1; North Salem, 10; Hastings 1st, 10; Portchester, 9; Huguenot Memorial, 5. In this estimate the Anniversary Reunion Fund is included among the Boards.

The Committee on Ministerial Relief presented a report, which was accepted, and is as follows:

There are in our Presbytery 38 churches with a membership of 7,906, and our contributions have aggregated only $1,270; 5 of our churches have given nothing; 14 have given more than during the previous year; 23 churches have given less. The total amount given in 1894-5 was $1,334 as against $1,270 in 1895-6.

Our own Presbytery has 4 beneficiaries.

We simply recommend that the sessions of all our churches give their people the opportunity to contribute to this cause.

It was ordered that the January Intermediate Meeting should be held in New York city, and the clerks were appointed a committee of arrangements.

Rev. Alexander Miller requested the dissolution of the pastoral relation existing between himself and the Mahopac Falls Church. The minute of the Congregational meeting, regretfully concurring in the request, was read.

On motion the request was granted, the dissolution to take effect October 31st, and Mr. Miller was appointed to declare the pulpit vacant on the first Sunday of November.

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Rev. Messrs. Thornton M. Niven and George R. Cutting were appointed a committee to draft a minute, expressing the feelings of Presbytery at the dissolution of the pastoral relation.

Rev. Henry R. White requested the dissolution of the pastoral relation existing between himself and the Pleasantville Church. The commissioner of the church and congregation was heard. On motion it was ordered that the pastoral relation be dissolved, to take effect January 19, 1897.

The churches which had failed to contribute to any of the Boards were called to account for their failure and their excuses given.

The committee, to which was referred the question of the proposed Synod of New England, reported that they were unable to agree on a report. The committee was continued with instructions to report at the January Intermediate Meeting.

Moderators of Sessions of vacant churches were appointed as follows:

Rev. Robert P. Gibson, North Salem.
Rev. Charles E. Allison, Hastings 1st.
Rev. George William Knox, Port Chester.
Rev. Oliver S. Dean, Patterson.
Rev. Joseph H. Robinson, Huguenot Memorial.
Rev. Henry M. Baird, Yonkers 1st.
Rev. Robert P. Gibson, Mahopac Falls.

The Sessions of vacant churches received leave to supply their pulpits until the next Stated Meeting of Presbytery.

The Trustees of Presbytery presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

The Trustees of Presbytery recommend:

1. The appropriation of $150 of the income of the Milne Fund as the Trustees may direct.

2. That on receipt by Presbytery of bequest made by the late Richard Henry Lockwood, the Treasurer of the Trustees pay from said bequest to Rev. R. M. Badeau a sum sufficient to assure to him the receipt of $50 from the estate of the said Mr. Lockwood, unless legal obstacles prevent.

The Committee on Aid for Colleges and Academies presented a report, which was accepted, and is as follows: Fall Stated Meeting, Oct. 6, 1896.

The churches of this Presbytery contributed to this Board during the past year the sum of $1,067, $484 more than the previous year. Of this sum the Sing Sing church gave $536. 8 churches contributed nothing.

The Committee on the Greenwich and Port Chester churches (p. 523) presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Your committee recommend:

1. That an effort be made to unite the Presbyterian Church of Port Chester in one organization with the Congregational Church, and that a committee of Presbytery be appointed to consider what means may be found to effect this end; and

2. That an application be made for help to the amount of $300 annually from the Synodical Aid Fund to meet in the meanwhile the deficit in current income, provided a minister be regularly engaged.

3. Your committee recommends that it be continued as a commission to consider more fully the position of the Greenwich Church, with permission to report at the Intermediate meeting.

Rev. George William Knox and Elders William H. Parsons and Ralph E. Prime were appointed the committee called for by the first commendation.

The Committee to draft a minute on the dissolution of the pastoral relation existing between Rev. Alexander Miller and the Mahopac Falls Church presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

The members of Presbytery desire to express their regret that our Brother Miller is compelled to seek the dissolution of the pastoral relation between himself and the church at Mahopac Falls. We have enjoyed these past years of fellowship with Brother Miller, and have learned to esteem him more and more as a faithful presbyter and friend, and we part from him with reluctance. We commend him to God's guiding and sustaining hand, and pray that his health may be fully restored.

On motion the following paper was adopted:

Presbytery records its indignation at the renewal of the atrocious persecution of the Armenian inhabitants of the Turkish Empire on account of their faith. It is the horror of the century, unparalleled in this age of civilization. The sessions of the churches are recommended to give opportunity to the congregations, when gathered together in the sanctuary, to express and voice their sense of such horrors. We pledge ourselves to support all efforts of all nations and peoples that

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shall be taken to bring these horrors to an end and to prevent the recurrence thereof. Let us pray the God of nations and of all peoples to remove all obstacles that lie in the way.

On motion it was ordered that the pastor of each church and the clerk of session of each vacant church publish the action of the church, recommended in the above minute, in the local papers, and that the same be forwarded to Elder Ralph E. Prime, who is authorized to use the same in the manner he shall deem best to voice the action of the churches.

The Stated Clerk presented excuses for absence from the following, who, on motion, were excused:

Ministers — Elias S. Schenck, Chauncey D. Rice, David Murdoch, Anthony R. Macoubrey, Talmon C. Perry, Homer S. Newcomb, Henry M. Baird, Andrew B. Morse, Marcellus Bowen, William B. Waller, William K. Eddy, Manfred P. Welcher, Willis W. Dowd, Theodore L. Van Norden, Irving E. White, David Laughlin, Will A. Babbit, John Alison, Norman C. Whittemore.

The Committee on Leave of Absence presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Your committee granted leave of absence to the following:

Ministers. — Frank F. Blessing, James H. Rankin, Joseph H. Robinson, Rollin A. Sawyer, Adrian V. S Wallace, Frederick A. M. Brown, Charles E. Upson, Francis E. Smith, Thornton M. Niven.

Elders — Francis A. See, John G. Clark, Henry C. Holbrook, Ebenezer G. Platt, Henry W. Miller, David I. Carson, Charles E. Corwin, William L. Odell, Daniel P. Townsend, Hezekiah King, Irving Wright.

The Committee on Presbyterian Visitation presented a report, which was accepted, and is as follows:

Visits were made by invitation to the churches of Mt. Kisco, Irvington, and New Rochelle. They were greatly appreciated by the churches and manifest blessing attended them.

The Presbyterial Day of Prayer was observed with the Westminster Church, Yonkers, N. Y., and precious seasons of devotion and fellowship were enjoyed.

Announcements for the next Prayer Day and for the winter's visitation work will be made in due time.

The roll was called, and the following were found to have withdrawn without leave:

Ministers. — William W. Breckenridge and John B. Appel.

The minutes of to-day's sessions were read and approved.

Presbytery adjourned, to meet in New York City Tuesday, January 19, 1897. Fall Stated Meeting, Oct. 6, 1896.

Closed with prayer.

W. J. CUMMING,
Stated Clerk.

RALPH E. PRIME,
Permanent Clerk.

OFFICERS OF PRESBYTERY.

Moderator — Rev. John A. Ingham, Irvington, N. Y. *Stated Clerk and Treasurer* — Rev. William J. Cumming, Yorktown, N. Y. *Permanent Clerk* — Elder Ralph E. Prime, Yonkers, N. Y. *Temporary Clerks* — Rev. Arthur Requa, Noroton, Conn., and Elder Sanford R. Knapp, Peekskill, N. Y.

Trustees.

Ministers — Rollin A. Sawyer, Richard P. H. Vail, Thornton M. Niven, William B. Waller.

Elders — ——— ——— (*Clerk*), Uriah Hill, William H. Parsons, Thomas G. Ritch (*Treasurer, Stamford, Conn.*), Benjamin Weed.

ROLL OF MINISTERS.

	Names.	*P. O. Addresses.*
1.	Adriance, Harris Ely	Pelham Manor, N. Y.
2.	Allen, Edward B.	Brewster, N. Y.
3.	Alison, John	Yonkers, N. Y.
4.	Allison, Charles E.	Yonkers, N. Y.
5.	Appel, John B.	Carmel, N. Y.
6.	Babbit, Will A.	Katonah, N. Y.
7.	Baird, Henry M.	Yonkers, N. Y.
8.	Blessing, Frank F.	Scarborough, N. Y.
9.	Bowen, Marcellus	Constantinople, Turkey.
10.	Breckenridge, William Watson	20 Russ St., Hartford, Conn.
11.	Brown, Frederick A. M.	35 Hour St., New Haven, Conn.
12.	Cronmiller, Bruce Wallace (*Suspended*).	
13.	Cumming, William J.	Yorktown, N. Y.
14.	Cutting, George R.	Yonkers, N. Y.
15.	Davenport, Henry A.	296 Myrtle Ave., Bridgeport, Conn.
16.	Dean, Oliver S.	Patterson, N. Y.

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17.	Dowd, Willis W.	Rock Fall, Conn.
18.	Eddy, William K.	Sidon, Syria.
19.	Fessenden, Alvah G.	Mt. Kisco, N. Y.
20.	Freeland, Daniel N.	New Rochelle, N. Y.
21.	Gibson, Robert P.	Croton Falls, N. Y.
22.	Hoes, R. Randall	Navy Yard, Philadelphia, Pa.
23.	Holbrook, David A.	Sing Sing, N. Y.
24.	Hoyt, James H.	New Canaan, Conn.
25.	Ingham, John A.	Irvington, N. Y.
26.	Knox, George William	Rye, N. Y.
27.	Lane, Charles S.	Mt. Vernon, N. Y. [Md.
28.	Laughlin, David	641 W. Lafayette Ave., Baltimore,
29.	Life, William	Rye, N. Y.
30.	Lindsley, Charles E.	New Rochelle, N. Y.
31.	Macoubrey, Anthony R.	White Plains, N. Y.
32.	McWilliams, James A.	Sing Sing, N. Y.
33.	Miller, Alexander	Brooklyn, N. Y.
34.	Morse, Andrew B.	"Gray Gables," Asheville, N. C.
35.	Murdoch, David	Peekskill, N. Y.
36.	Newcomb, Homer S.	Patterson, N. Y.
37.	Niven, Thornton M.	Dobbs Ferry, N. Y.
38.	Perry, Talmon C.	La Prairie, Quebec.
39.	Phraner, Wilson	31 Orange St., E. Orange, N. J.
40.	Pond, Theodore S.	39 W. Sixty-First St., New York.
41.	Rankin, James H.	Bedford, N. Y.
42.	Requa, Arthur	Noroton, Conn.
43.	Rice, Chauncey D.	184 Macon St., Brooklyn, N. Y.
44.	Richie, William N.	Asbury Park, N. J.
45.	Robinson, Joseph H.	Pelham Manor, N. Y.
46.	Sawyer, Rollin A.	Montclair, N. J.
47.	Schenck, Elias S.	Perth Amboy, N. J.
48.	Smith, Francis S.	New Rochelle, N. Y.
49.	Smith, J. Ritchie	Peekskill, N. Y.
50.	Straus, Thomas C.	Peekskill, N. Y.
51.	Tatlock, John	Pelham Manor, N. Y.
52.	Trussell, John H.	Brewster, N. Y.
53.	Upson, Charles E.	Milford, Conn.
54.	Vail, Richard P. H.	Stamford, Conn.
55.	Van Norden, Theodore L.	South Salem, N. Y.
56.	Wallace, Adrian V. S.	Thompsonville, Conn.
57.	Wales, Frank A.	Pound Ridge, N. Y.
58.	Waller, William B.	New Rochelle, N. Y.
59.	Welcher, Manfred P.	Newark, N. Y.
60.	White, Henry R.	Pleasantville Station, N. Y.
61.	White, Irving E.	408 University Av., Syracuse, N. Y.
62.	Wills, John T.	Greenwich, Conn.

ROLL OF RULING ELDERS.

	Churches.	*Names.*	*P. O. Address.*
1.	Bedford.		
		Clark, John G.	Bedford, N. Y.
		Williamson, Albert (*Clerk*)	Bedford, N. Y.
2.	Bridgeport First.		
		Bullard, Edward P.	166 Park Ave., Bridgeport, Conn.
		Christie, George E.	63 Beach St., Bridgeport, Conn.

	Hollister, David F.	86 West Ave., Bridgeport, Conn.	
	Kerr, Malcolm T.	67 West Ave., Bridgeport, Conn.	October, 1896.
	Keys, R. Melvil (*Clerk*)	42 Sherwood Ave., Bridgeport, Conn.	
3.	Croton Falls.		
	Abrams, George W.	Croton Falls, N. Y.	
	Chamberlain, Albert	Croton Falls, N. Y.	
	Moses, Jabez H.	Croton Falls, N. Y.	
	(Rev. Robert P. Gibson, *Clerk.*)		
4.	Darien.		
	Bishop, Sands S.	Noroton Heights, Conn.	
	Jones, James C.	Noroton Heights, Conn.	
	Shaw, James A.	Noroton, Conn.	
	Weed, Benjamin (*Clerk*)	Noroton, Conn.	
5.	Gilead.		
	Cornish, Samuel G.	Carmel, N. Y.	
	Foster, William H. (*Clerk*)	Carmel, N. Y.	
	Reed, George E.	Carmel, N. Y.	
	Weeks, Edward C.	Carmel, N. Y.	
6.	Greenburgh.		
	Conklin, Joseph	Dobbs Ferry, N. Y.	
	King, Hezekiah	Dobbs Ferry, N. Y.	
	Norris, Luther W. P.	Dobbs Ferry, N. Y.	
	Wheeler, Jacob T.	Hastings-on-Hudson, N. Y.	
	Wilde, Robert L. (*Clerk*)	Dobbs Ferry, N. Y.	
7.	Greenwich First.		
	Cristy, Edward B.	Greenwich, Conn.	
	Knapp, Edwin A. (*Clerk*)	Greenwich, Conn.	
	Rennie, George T.	Greenwich, Conn.	
	Waterbury, Walter S.	Greenwich, Conn.	
8.	Hartford.		
	Johnston, John (*Clerk*)	10 Affleck St., Hartford, Conn.	
	Stockwell, William H.	Cannon, Conn.	
	Watson, Alexander	32 Lincoln St., Hartford, Conn.	
	Westwood, Frederick R.	54 Benton St., Hartford, Conn.	
9.	Hastings First.		
	Nelson, Irving F. (*Clerk*)	Hastings-on-Hudson, N. Y.	
	Reid, Perrine E.	Hastings-on-Hudson, N. Y.	
10.	Huguenot Memorial.		
	Carson, David I. (*Clerk*)	Pelham Manor, N. Y.	
	Dey, John H.	Pelham Manor, N. Y.	
11.	Irvington.		
	Burnham, W. Addison	Irvington, N. Y.	
	Kendall, George M.	Irvington, N. Y.	
	McDonald, R. A.	Irvington, N. Y.	
	Terry, John T.	Irvington, N. Y.	
	(Rev. John A. Ingham, *Clerk.*)		
12.	Katonah.		
	Barrett, Joseph	Katonah, N. Y.	
	Chapman, J. Francis, M.D. (*Clerk*)	Katonah, N. Y.	
13.	Mahopac Falls.		
	Card, Edson, M.D.	Lake Mahopac, N. Y.	
	Dusenbury, C. Coles	Lake Mahopac, N. Y.	
	Kennard, James F.	Baldwin Place, N. Y.	
	Lounsbury, Robert W.	Tompkins Corners, N. Y.	
	Wright, Irving (*Clerk*)	Mahopac Falls, N. Y.	

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14.	Mt. Kisco.	
	Banks, George W.	Mt. Kisco, N. Y.
	Banks, Joseph	Mt. Kisco, N. Y.
	Crane, Joseph H.	Mt. Kisco, N. Y.
	Horton, Frank N. (*Clerk*)	Mt. Kisco, N. Y.
	Platt, Ebenezer G.	Mt. Kisco, N. Y.
	Smith, David E.	Mt. Kisco, N. Y.
15.	Mt. Vernon First.	
	Blakeman, A. Noel (*Clerk*)	160 S. 9th Ave., Mt. Vernon, N. Y.
	Carlyle, Hugh	119 Cottage Ave., Mt. Vernon, N. Y.
	Doolittle, Judson A.	106 Valentine St., Mt. Vernon, N. Y.
	Halsey, Wm. McD.	210 S. 5th Ave., Mt. Vernon, N. Y.
	Irwin, John	144 S. 1st Ave., Mt. Vernon, N. Y.
	Wilcox, Ransom E.	44 N. 9th Ave., Mt. Vernon, N. Y.
16.	New Haven First.	
	Corwin, Charles E.	122 Howe St., New Haven, Conn.
	Gardiner, Archibald	Carlisle St, New Haven, Conn.
	Owens, Jerome	Winthrop Ave., New Haven, Conn.
	Petrie, George (*Clerk*)	92 George St., New Haven, Conn.
17.	New Rochelle.	
	Lester, Henry M.	New Rochelle, N. Y.
	Myers, James	New Rochelle, N. Y.
	Myers, John K. (*Clerk*)	New Rochelle, N. Y.
	Offord, John A.	New Rochelle, N. Y.
	Renoud, David E.	New Rochelle, N. Y.
	Ross, John G.	New Rochelle, N. Y.
18.	New Rochelle Second.	
	Brown, Joseph T.	New Rochelle, N. Y.
	Elliott, Walter M.	New Rochelle, N. Y.
	Harvey, Charles E. (*Clerk*)	New Rochelle, N. Y.
	Parker, Horace J.	New Rochelle, N. Y.
19.	North Salem.	
	Benedict, G. Charles (*Clerk*)	Salem Center, N. Y.
	Eggleston, James O.	Salem Center, N. Y.
20.	Patterson.	
	Gerow, James C.	Patterson, N. Y.
	Merritt, James A. (*Clerk*)	Patterson, N. Y.
	Sloat, Orson W.	Patterson, N. Y.
	Taylor, William O.	Patterson, N. Y.
	Thompson, James H., Jr.	Patterson, N. Y.
21.	Peekskill First.	
	Hill, Uriah, Jr.	Peekskill, N. Y.
	Knapp, Sanford R. (*Clerk*)	Peekskill, N. Y.
	Mabie, William	Peekskill, N. Y.
	Pugsley, Cornelius A.	Peekskill, N. Y.
	Requa, Frank	Peekskill, N. Y.
	Stewart, Thomas M.	Peekskill, N. Y.

22.	Peekskill Second.		
	Clinton, Morris E.	Peekskill, N. Y.	
	Decatur, Jacob R.	Peekskill, N. Y.	October, 1896.
	Frost, Milton (*Clerk*)	Peekskill, N. Y.	
	Knight, Charles C., M.D.	Peekskill, N. Y.	
	McDonald, Joseph H.	Peekskill, N. Y.	
23.	Pleasantville.		
	Benedict, William	Pleasantville, N. Y.	
	Brown, Willett C.	Pleasantville, N. Y.	
	Nelson, David (*Clerk*)	Pleasantville, N. Y.	
24.	Portchester.		
	Miller, John (*Clerk*)	Portchester, N. Y.	
	Scofield, William H.	Portchester, N. Y.	
	Townsend, Daniel P.	Portchester, N. Y.	
25.	Pound Ridge.		
	Fancher, George N.	Pound Ridge, N. Y.	
	Miller, Henry W.	Pound Ridge, N. Y.	
	Rockwell, John C.	Pound Ridge, N. Y.	
	Scofield, Albert B.	Pound Ridge, N. Y.	
	Scofield, Edwin T.	Pound Ridge, N. Y.	
	Scofield, Joseph	Pound Ridge, N. Y.	
	(Rev. Frank A. Wales, *Clerk.*)		
26.	Rye.		
	Corning, Jasper E.	Rye, N. Y.	
	Mathews, William (*Clerk*)	Harrison, N. Y.	
	Parsons, Henry	Rye, N. Y.	
	Parsons, William H.	Rye, N. Y.	
	Whittemore, Edward P.	Rye, N. Y.	
27.	Scarborough.		
	Manierre, Alfred L.	Scarborough, N. Y.	
	Lee, Francis Asbury (*Clerk*)	Scarborough, N. Y.	
28.	Sing Sing.		
	Brown, Theodore F.	Sing Sing, N. Y.	
	Cady, Stanton	Sing Sing, N. Y.	
	Cumming, Horace U.	Sing Sing, N. Y.	
	Holbrook, Henry C.	Sing Sing, N. Y.	
	Lockwood, Rodney S.	Sing Sing, N. Y.	
	Miller, John F.	Sing Sing, N. Y.	
	Provost, Daniel E. (*Clerk*)	Sing Sing, N. Y.	
	Truesdell, John P.	Sing Sing, N. Y.	
	Young, Frank L.	Sing Sing, N. Y.	
29.	South East.		
	Johnson, Walter C.	Brewster, N. Y.	
	Lawrence, Thomas S. (*Clerk*)	Brewster, N. Y.	
30.	South East Center.		
	Cole, George	Brewster, N. Y.	
	Everett, Benjamin D.	Brewster, N. Y.	
	Lobdell, Alexander F.	Brewster, N. Y.	
	Paddock, Warren S (*Clerk*)	Brewster, N. Y.	
	Parker, George G.	Brewster, N. Y.	
31.	South Salem.		
	Bouton, John F.	South Salem, N. Y.	
	Gilbert, Thomas	South Salem, N. Y.	
	Hull, George E. (*Clerk*)	South Salem, N. Y.	
	St. John, Henry L.	South Salem, N. Y.	
	Webster, Joseph A.	South Salem, N. Y.	
32.	Stamford First.		
	Begent, Louis S.	Stamford, Conn.	
	Dolsen, Charles B.	Stamford, Conn.	
	Hobbie, Moses M.	Stamford, Conn.	
	Pierson, Samuel, M.D.	Stamford, Conn.	

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	Reid, Clarence L.	Stamford, Conn.
	Ritch, Thomas G. (*Clerk*)	Stamford, Conn.
	Smith, Walter M.	Stamford, Conn.
	Soule, George H.	Stamford, Conn.
33.	Thompsonville.	
	Brainard, David	Thompsonville, Conn.
	Brainard, Horace K.	Thompsonville, Conn.
	Morrison, James	Thompsonville, Conn.
	Parsons, Edward F., M.D. (*Clerk*)	Thompsonville, Conn.
	Parsons, Shubael	Thompsonville, Conn.
34.	White Plains.	
	Kingsley, Orrin D., M.D.	White Plains, N. Y.
	Rowe, Arthur C.	2 W. 103d St., New York.
	Slosson, Edwin A. (*Clerk*)	White Plains, N. Y.
	Sniffen, Elijah C.	White Plains, N. Y.
	Wilson, Samuel H.	White Plains, N. Y.
35.	Yonkers, Dayspring.	
	Cutbill, John H.	116 Oliver Ave., Yonkers, N. Y.
	Hope, Thomas F.	134 Waverly St., Yonkers, N. Y.
	Smith, William (*Clerk*)	137 Nepperhan Ave., Yonkers, N. Y.
36.	Yonkers, First.	
	Adams, Thomas	154 Linden St., Yonkers, N. Y.
	Brown, George R.	501 Hawthorne Ave., Yonkers, N. Y.
	Brown, John P.	130 Ashburton Ave., Yonkers, N. Y.
	Clark, Lucius E.	100 Locust Hill Ave., Yonkers, N. Y.
	Essick, Samuel V.	Hawthorne Ave., Yonkers, N. Y.
	Prime, Ralph E. (*Clerk*)	63 Hawthorne Ave., Yonkers, N. Y.
	Schoonmaker, Everett B.	82 Hawthorne Ave., Yonkers, N. Y.
37.	Yonkers, Westminster.	
	Brown, John H.	130 Ashburton Ave., Yonkers, N. Y.
	Brown, H. Beattie, M.D.	107 Warburton Ave., Yonkers, N. Y.
	Kirkwood, Alexander O.	158 Ashburton Ave., Yonkers, N. Y.
	Machin, Arthur S.	67 Woodworth Ave., Yonkers, N. Y.
	McKim, William (*Clerk*)	69 Linden St., Yonkers, N. Y.
	McWilliam, James R.	155 Palisade Ave., Yonkers, N. Y.
	Odell, William L.	122 Warburton Ave., Yonkers, N. Y.
	Otis, Charles R.	88 Buena Vista Ave., Yonkers, N. Y.
38.	Yorktown.	
	Knapp, Daniel H.	Shrub Oak, N. Y.
	Lee, Elijah	Yorktown, N. Y.
	Lee, Enos (*Clerk*)	Yorktown, N. Y.
	Strang, Henry	Yorktown Heights, N. Y.
	White, Henry	Yorktown, N. Y.

YONKERS, N. Y., December 17, 1896. Special Meeting, December 17, 1896.

The Presbytery of Westchester met in the First Presbyterian Church, Yonkers, N.Y., Thursday, December 17, 1896, at 4.30 P. M., pursuant to the following call:

IRVINGTON, N. Y., December 4, 1896.

DEAR SIR:—

At the request of two ministers and two elders (the elders being of different congregations) in accordance with the requirements of Form of Government X, 10, a Special Meeting of the Presbytery of Westchester will be held in the First Presbyterian Church, Yonkers, N. Y., Thursday, December 17th, at 4.30 P. M., to issue the following business:

The call of the First Presbyterian Church, Yonkers, N. Y., for the Pastoral Services of Rev. George F. Pentecost, D. D., of London, England.

JOHN A. INGHAM, *Moderator.*

The Moderator, Rev. John A. Ingham, called the Presbytery to order, and constituted it with prayer.

The following ministers and elders were present:

Ministers.	*Churches.*	*Elders.*	
Wilson Phraner.			
Rollin A. Sawyer.			
Thornton M. Niven,	Greenburgh,	Hezekiah King.	
Henry M. Baird.			
George William Knox,	Rye.		
Charles E. Allison,	Dayspring,	William Smith.	
George R. Cutting,	Westminster,	William McKim.	
John A. Ingham,	Irvington.		
John Alison.			
	Yonkers 1st,	Ralph E. Prime.	
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Total present,	. . . . .		13

Corresponding Members.— Rev. David Cole of the Classis of Westchester, and Rev. Enos Bosworth of the Nepperhan Baptist Church, Yonkers, N. Y.

The call of the First Presbyterian Church, Yonkers, N. Y., for the pastoral services of Rev. George F. Pentecost of the Presbytery of London, North, in the Synod of England, was presented and read.

Messrs. William F. Nesbitt, Theodore Gilman, and William B. Strang, commissioners from the congregation,

and Elder Ralph E. Prime, the delegate from the Session, were heard.

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The call was found in order, and leave was granted to the Church to prosecute the call before the Presbytery of London, North.

It was ordered that the Presbytery of London, North, be overtured in affectionate and respectful terms, and urged to dissolve such relations as the Rev. George F. Pentecost sustains to any church within its bounds, and to transfer him to this Presbytery, that he may be enrolled and installed as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Yonkers, N. Y.

It was also ordered that the Rev. Messrs. J. Munro Gibson and George D. Matthews, and Elder R. T. Turnbull, all or any of them, be requested to act for and in behalf of this Presbytery, to present and urge before the Presbytery of London, North, the above overture, and the Moderator and Clerk were authorized to forward to them a commission to that effect.

Rev. Rollin A. Sawyer presented in due form a protest against the action of the Presbytery in approving the above call.

The Presbytery then adjourned to meet in New York city, Tuesday, January 19, 1897.

Closed with prayer.

W. J. CUMMING,
Stated Clerk.

RALPH E. PRIME,
Permanent Clerk.

New York City, January 19, 1897.

Intermediate Meeting, January 19, 1897.

The Presbytery of Westchester met pursuant to appointment in the Presbyterian House, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York City, Tuesday, January 19, 1897, at 10.30 A.M., and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

The roll was called and the following found to be present:

Ministers.	*Churches.*	*Elders.*
Daniel N. Freeland.		
Wilson Phraner.		
Rollin A. Sawyer.		
	White Plains,	Edwin A. Slosson.
Edward B. Allen,	Southeast.	
Thornton M. Niven,	Greenburgh,	Hezekiah King.
Oliver S. Dean,	Patterson,	Orson W. Sloat.
John T. Wills,	Greenwich 1st.	
Christopher R. Brown.		
Richard P. H. Vail,	Stamford 1st,	Clarence L. Reid.
Robert P. Gibson,	Croton Falls.	
Henry A. Davenport,	Bridgeport 1st,	Edward P. Bullard.
William B. Waller,	New Rochelle.	
Willis W. Dowd.		
William N. Richie.		
J. Ritchie Smith,	Peekskill 1st,	Sanford R. Knapp.
William J. Cumming,	Yorktown.	
George William Knox,	Rye,	Edward P. Whittemore.
Charles E. Allison,	Dayspring.	
John H. Trussell,	S. E. Center,	Warren S. Paddock.
Thomas C. Straus,	Peekskill 2d	
Charles S. Lane,	Mt. Vernon 1st.	
James A. McWilliams,	Sing Sing	
Joshua J. Wolf,	Mahopac Falls,	Edson Card, M.D.
Arthur Requa,	Darien,	James C. Jones.
George R. Cutting,	Westminster,	James R. McWilliam.
Harris Ely Adriance.		
Henry R. White,	Pleasantville.	
John A. Ingham,	Irvington,	George M. Kendall.
Frank F. Blessing,	Scarborough,	Francis A. See.
Frank A. Wales,	Pound Ridge.	
	Mt. Kisco,	George W. Banks.
Theodore L. Van Norden,	South Salem,	George E. Hull.
Will A. Babbitt,	Katonah,	Joseph Barrett.
John Alison.		
	Gilead,	William H. Foster.
	Portchester,	Daniel P. Townsend.
	Yonkers 1st,	George R. Brown.
	33	19
Total present,	. . . . .	52

Ministers absent — Elias S. Schenck, Chauncey D. Rice, Charles E. Lindsley, David Murdock, William Life, Talmon C. Perry, Andrew B. Morse, John Tatlock, Anthony R. Macoubrey, Frederick A. M.

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Brown, David A. Holbrook, Henry M. Baird, Homer S. Newcomb, Theodore S. Pond, Alexander Miller, Marcellus Bowen, R. Randall Hoes, Charles E. Upson, James H. Hoyt, William K. Eddy, Irving E. White, David Laughlin, Manfred P. Welcher, Adrian V. S. Wallace, Francis E. Smith, William W. Breckenridge, Alvah G. Fessenden, Warren H. Wilson, Joseph H. Robinson, John B. Appel, James H. Rankin, Norman C. Whittemore.— 32.

Churches not represented.— South East, New Haven 1st, Greenwich 1st, Croton Falls, New Rochelle, Yorktown, Dayspring, Peekskill 2d, Mt. Vernon 1st, Thompsonville, Sing Sing, New Rochelle 2d, Hartford, Pound Ridge, Huguenot Memorial, Bedford, North Salem, Hastings 1st, Pleasantville.— 19.

Excused for absence.— Elias S. Schenck, Chauncey D. Rice, David Murdoch, Anthony R. Macoubrey, Henry M. Baird, Theodore S. Pond, Marcellus Bowen, William K. Eddy, John B. Appel, Norman C. Whittemore.

Corresponding members.— Rev. J. Howard Hobbs of Presbytery of Nassau and Rev. Joseph F. Folsom of Presbytery of Newark.

The minutes of the Special Meeting of December 17, 1896, were read for approval.

On motion, it was ordered that they should be corrected by inserting a statement that Rev. Rollin A. Sawyer presented in due form a protest against the action of the Presbytery approving the call of the First Presbyterian Church of Yonkers, N. Y., for the pastoral services of Rev. George F. Pentecost.

On motion, the minutes, as amended, were approved.

Rev. Warren H. Wilson was received by letter of dismission from the Presbytery of New York, and it was ordered that his name be enrolled.

Rev. Joshua J. Wolf was received by letter of dismission from the Presbytery of Nassau, and it was ordered that his name be enrolled.

Rev. Christopher R. Brown, formerly a member of this Presbytery, was received from the quarterly conference of the A. M. E. Zion Church, Pennington street, Newark, N. J., and it was ordered that his name be enrolled.

The request of the Pound Ridge Church for aid from the Synodical Aid Fund was referred to the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension.

An overture on the protest of Rev. Rollin A. Sawyer from the Session of the First Church of Yonkers, N. Y.,

with copy of action of representatives of the congregation was referred to a special committee consisting of Rev. Messrs. Thomas C. Straus, J. Ritchie Smith, and Henry A. Davenport, and Elders Sanford R. Knapp, Edward P. Bullard, and George M. Kendall. Intermediate Meeting, January 10, 1897.

A call was presented from the Mahopac Falls Church for the pastoral services of Rev. Joshua J. Wolf. The commissioners, Elder Edson Card, M. D., and Abijah Slawson, were heard, and the call found in order and ordered placed in Mr. Wolf's hands, who signified its acceptance.

Rev. Messrs. Robert P. Gibson, Joshua J. Wolf, and Elder Edson Card, M.D., were appointed a committee to make arrangements for the installation.

A communication from Rev. W. Hart Dexter was laid on the table.

Rev. John H. Trussell requested the dissolution of the pastoral relation existing between himself and the South East Center Church. The commissioners, Elder Warren S. Paddock and William N. Branch, were heard.

On motion the pastoral relation was dissolved, to take effect immediately.

Rev. Robert P. Gibson was appointed Moderator of the Session, and also to declare the pulpit vacant on January 24th. The Session received permission to supply its pulpit until the next Stated Meeting of the Presbytery.

The death of Elder Edward Wells of the First Church of Peekskill, N. Y., on October 9, 1896, was announced, and Rev. J. Ritchie Smith was appointed to draft a minute for the Necrology.

Elder Sanford R. Knapp was elected to fill the vacancy in the Trustees of Presbytery caused by his death.

Edwin Platt Essick, a member of the First Church of Yonkers, N. Y., was received under the care of Presbytery as a candidate for the ministry, after an examination by the Moderator as to his religious experience and views in seeking the ministry.

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The committee to install Rev. Joseph H. Robinson pastor of the Huguenot Memorial Church, Pelham Manor, N. Y. (p. 530), reported the discharge of that duty in accordance with the directions of Presbytery.

The Committee on the Portchester Church (p. 533) presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

We recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That Presbytery appoint a commission, to consist of two ministers and two elders, who shall have charge under Presbytery of the affairs of the church at Portchester, and shall have full power to administer all its affairs, both spiritual and temporal, including the administration of the ordinances and worship of the Lord's house, the social worship and preaching of the Word to the people, and also the admission and dismission of members, so long as Presbytery shall see that the present emergency continues; and such commission is hereby directed to cause a corporate meeting of the congregation to be held and invite the congregation to grant and convey all the church property to the Trustees of Presbytery, and to take all necessary action to that end, and to instruct its Trustees to cause the same to be done, and to obtain the consent and the approval of the court to the same; and said commission shall cause the said trustees so to do; that such commission request and receive the resignation thereafter, and at such time as it shall deem proper, of all the Trustees of the Church; that said commission request and receive at such time as the commission shall deem proper, the resignation of all the Elders and Deacons of that church from their offices in that particular church; that the said commission organize such aid and help as it may see fit, in and among said church and its people and out of the same, toward the collecting of its contributions and the contributions of others for the support of the Gospel worship and church services and ordinances among that people, and apply the same to that purpose, and in other respects in relation to said church exercise all such powers as Presbytery has power to commit to them; and that the commission report at every meeting of Presbytery; all to the end that as soon as may be, Presbytery shall direct the choice of new officers and the assumption by them of the affairs of that church; and that the Trustees of Presbytery seek to have the condition removed under which said property is held, and administer the property for the benefit of that church.

The Commission on the First Church of Greenwich, Conn. (p. 533), presented a report, which was accepted, and is as follows:

Your commission appointed to consider more fully the position of the Greenwich Church would respectfully report:

A day was appointed for consultation with the Session and committee of the Greenwich Church, but the time appointed by the commission not suiting the convenience of certain of the officers of the church the appointment was changed to a day and hour designated by these officers, but before the appointed day the commission was informed that its presence was not desired, and that it might spare itself a visit to Greenwich.

Deprived thus of the assistance of the officers of the church the commission has nevertheless made diligent inquiry as to the facts, and has carefully considered the situation, and finds itself unable to recommend the adoption of any of the suggestions heretofore made by the pastor to Presbytery for the relief of the Greenwich Church. Intermediate Meeting, January 19, 1897.

The committee to make arrangements for the installation of Rev. Joshua J. Wolf as pastor of the Mahopac Falls Church presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Time — February 10th, 2 P. M. *To preside and propound the constitutional questions* — Rev. Robert P. Gibson; Rev. Oliver S. Dean, alternate. *Sermon* — Rev. J. Ritchie Smith; Rev. Wilson Phraner, alternate. *Charge to the pastor* — Rev. Daniel S. Gregory of the Presbytery of New York, to be invited; Rev. Thomas C. Straus, alternate. *Charge to the people* — Rev. William J. Cumming; Rev. James H. Rankin, alternate.

The Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension presented a report recommending the Pound Ridge Church to the Board of Home Missions for aid from the Synodical Aid Fund to the amount of $200. Adopted.

The death of Elder Joseph Conklin of the Greenburgh Church was announced, and Rev. Thornton M. Niven was appointed a committee to prepare a minute thereon for the Necrology.

The committee to declare the pulpit of the Mahopac Falls Church vacant (p. 531), reported the discharge of the duty at the time appointed.

Rev. John H. Trussell was appointed to declare the pulpit of the Pleasantville Church (p. 532), vacant on January 31, Rev. Alvah G. Fessenden, moderator of the Session of that church, and leave was granted to the Session to supply its pulpit until next stated meeting of Presbytery.

The Committee on Young People's Societies presented a report which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Of the 38 churches in our Presbytery all but 8 have one or more Young People's Societies. Of the societies reported 28 are Christian Endeavor Societies, 2 are Young People's Associations, and besides these are circles of King's Sons and King's Daughters, Mission Bands with names slightly varying, Willing Workers and Soldiers of the Cross. The Christian Endeavor Societies and Young People's Associations report an active membership of 1,258, and an associate membership of 287. These numbers denote a smaller membership of both

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classes than we reported last year. The average attendance at the devotional meetings of the societies is about 61 per cent. of the entire membership. The societies with only two exceptions report that their members attend the Sunday evening preaching services. Of the members 85 united with the church during the year. The amount contributed to Home Missions was $562.80; to Foreign Missions $537.82; to the other boards of the church $63 59, besides $65 still to be divided between the mission and other boards, and $704.90 for other purposes. Twenty-two societies contributed to Home Missions, 19 to Foreign Missions, 6 to the work of some of the other boards, and 5 societies with a membership of 210 contributed to none of the Boards. The 2 societies contributing the most to Missions are the Mount Vernon First and New Rochelle. The Mt. Vernon First Society contributed $100 to Home Missions, and $150 to Foreign Missions. Some of the societies have sent fruit and flowers to New York, contributed to the American Relief Fund, and engaged in practical missionary work of a local character. As example of this the White Plains Society, through its Missionary Committee, regularly visits the county jail to hold meetings.

There are 9 Junior Christian Endeavor Societies reported with a membership of 355, and an average attendance of 77 per cent. of the membership at their meetings. Of the members of these societies, 7 united with the church during the year. The Junior missionary contributions amount to $160.70, and $169.50 was contributed to other purposes.

It is respectfully recommended:

1. That the greetings from Presbytery be sent to all our societies.
2. That Presbytery commend the societies for their general liberality with respect to the work of our church.
3. That Presbytery recommend that all the societies contribute to the work of the Mission Boards.
4. That Presbytery commend the very general attendance of our young people upon the second preaching services.
5. That the committee submitting this report be authorized to arrange for a meeting in the interests of our societies at such time and place as in their judgment seems best.
6. And that this report, including these recommendations, be printed and circulated among the societies.

A vote of thanks was passed for the use of the Assembly Room of the Board of Foreign Missions.

On motion the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the arbitration treaty now before the Senate of the United States is of such international importance as affecting the peaceful intercourse, not only of this country and of Great Britain, but indirectly of all the world, and so definitely expresses the purpose and desire of the United States in all its recent history, a purpose and desire that now may be regarded as fixed in the best thought of all patriotic citizens.

That we, therefore, respectfully urge the Senate of the United States promptly to confirm the treaty, and our own Senators from New York and Connecticut do all in their power to secure this desirable result.

It was ordered that copies of the above resolution be sent to the Senate of the United States, and to the Senators for New York and Connecticut.

The fixing of a place for the Spring Stated Meeting was referred to the Clerks.

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The Moderator was excused from further attendance at this meeting.

The committee to which was referred overtures from the First Church of Yonkers, N. Y., on the protest of Rev. Rollin A. Sawyer (p. 542), presented a report which was accepted. After discussion, on motion, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the Presbytery of Westchester desires to put on record the fact that it dissents from the protest of Rev. Rollin A. Sawyer (p. 542) to the action of the Presbytery in approving of the call of the First Church of Yonkers, N. Y., for the pastoral services of Rev. George F. Pentecost, and disclaims any sympathy with the said protest.

It was ordered that the minutes of the special meeting of December and this meeting should not be printed until ordered by Presbytery.

The minutes were read and approved.

Presbytery adjourned to meet Monday, April 19, 1897.

Closed with prayer.

W. J. CUMMING,
Stated Clerk.

RALPH E. PRIME,
Permanent Clerk.

Spring Stated Meeting, April 19, 1897.

YONKERS, N. Y., April 19, 1897.

The Presbytery of Westchester met pursuant to appointment in the First Presbyterian Church, Yonkers, N. Y., Monday, April 19, 1897, at 8 P.M.

After devotional exercises the Moderator, Rev. John A. Ingham, preached a sermon from the text, Judges 17:13 —"Then said Micah, now know I that the Lord will do me good, seeing I have a Levite to my priest."

Presbytery was then constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

The roll was called and the following found to be present:

Ministers.	*Churches.*	*Elders.*
Daniel W. Freeland.		
Wilson Phraner.		
Rollin A. Sawyer (2).		
Anthony R. Macoubrey,	White Plains,	O. D. Kingsley, M.D. (2).
George F. Pentecost,	Yonkers 1st,	Ralph E. Prime.
Thornton M. Niven (2),	Greenburgh,	Hezekiah King.
Frederick A. M. Brown,	New Haven 1st,	Charles E. Corwin (2).
Oliver S. Dean,	Patterson,	Orson W. Sloat.
David A. Holbrook (2).		
Henry M. Baird.		
John T. Wills (2),	Greenwich 1st,	Edwin A. Knapp (2).
Richard P. H. Vail (2),	Stamford 1st,	Charles B. Dolsen (2).
Robert P. Gibson,	Croton Falls,	Albert Chamberlain.
	Bridgeport 1st,	George E. Christie.
William B Waller (2),	New Rochelle,	John K. Myers (2).
William N. Richie (2).		
J. Ritchie Smith,	Peekskill 1st,	Thomas M. Stewart (2).
William J. Cumming,	Yorktown,	Daniel H. Knapp.
George William Knox,	Rye,	Henry Parsons.
	Dayspring,	William Smith.
John H. Trussell.		
Irving E. White.		
Thomas C. Straus,	Peekskill, 2d,	Jacob R. Decatur (2).
Charles S. Lane,	Mt Vernon, 1st,	John Irwin.
Adrian V. S. Wallace,	Thompsonville.	
James A. McWilliams (2),	Sing Sing,	Theodore F. Brown (2).
Joshua J Wolf,	Mahopac Falls,	C. Coles Dusenbury.
Arthur Requa.	Darien,	Benjamin Weed.
George R. Cutting,	Westminster,	William McKim.
Francis E. Smith (2).	New Rochelle 2d.	
Henry R. White (2),		
	Hartford 1st,	Robert J. Cary (2).
John A. Ingham,	Irvington,	W. Addison Burnham (2).
Frank F. Blessing,	Scarborough,	Francis A. See.
Frank A Wales,	Pound Ridge,	George N. Fancher (2).
Alvah G. Fessenden,	Mt. Kisco,	George W. Banks.

Ministers.	*Churches.*	*Elders.*	
Theodore L. Van Norden,	South Salem,	George E. Hull.	Spring Stated Meeting, April 19, 1897.
Joseph H. Robinson,	Hug. Mem'l.		
Will A. Babbit (2),	Katonah.		
John Alison.			
John B. Appel,	Gilead,	Edward C. Weeks (2).	
	Bedford,	John G. Clark.	
	Portchester,	Daniel P. Townsend (2).	
	Pleasantville,	David A. Nelson.	
	S. E. Center,	Warren S. Paddock (3).	
	38	31	

Total present,.....69

Ministers absent. — Elias S. Schenck, Chauncey D. Rice, Charles E. Lindsley, David Murdoch, William Life, Talmon C. Perry, Andrew B. Morse, John Tatlock, Edward B. Allen, Homer S. Newcomb, Theodore S. Pond, Christopher R. Brown, Alexander Miller, Marcellus Bowen, Henry A. Davenport, R. Randall Hoes, Charles E. Upson, Willis W. Dowd, James H. Hoyt, William K. Eddy, Charles E. Allison, David Laughlin, Manfred P. Welcher, Harris Ely Adriance, William Watson Breckenridge, Warren H. Wilson, James H. Rankin, Norman C. Whittemore —28.

Churches not represented — South East, Thompsonville, New Rochelle 2d, Hugnenot Memorial, Katonah, North Salem, Hastings 1st.—7.

Excused for absence.— Elias S. Schenck, Chauncey D Rice, Marcellus Bowen, William K. Eddy, Norman C. Whittemore, Andrew B. Morse, Alexander Miller, Charles E Upson, Talmon C. Perry, Harris Ely Adriance, David Murdoch, James H. Rankin, John Tatlock, Manfred P. Welcher, Warren H. Wilson, Homer S. Newcomb, William Watson Breckenridge.

Corresponding members.— Rev. T. Ralston Smith of the Presbytery of Buffalo, and Rev. George W. F. Birch of the Presbytery of New York.

Rev. George William Knox was elected Moderator.

Rev. Messrs. Arthur Requa and Frank A. Wales were elected temporary clerks.

The Committee of Arrangements presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Tuesday — 9 A.M., Devotional meeting to be led by Rev. Irving E. White 10 A.M.–1 P.M., and 2.30–5.30 P.M., business sessions.

Your committee beg leave to make further report recommending exercises for Tuesday evening.

Presbytery then adjourned until 9 A.M. to-morrow.

Closed with prayer.

Spring Stated Meeting, April 20, 1897.

TUESDAY, April 20, 1897.

Presbytery met at 9 A.M., and spent one hour in devotional exercises, led by Rev. Irving E. White.

Presbytery was then constituted with prayer.

The roll was called, and the following, not present yesterday, answered to their names:

Ministers. — Rollin A. Sawyer, Thornton M. Niven, David A. Holbrook, John T. Wills, Richard C. H. Vail, William B. Waller, William N. Richie, James A. McWilliams, Francis E. Smith, Henry R. White, Will A. Babbitt — 11.

Elders. — Orrin D. Kingsley, M.D., Charles E. Corwin, Edwin A. Knapp, Charles B. Dolsen, John K. Myers, Thomas M. Stewart, Jacob R. Decatur, Theodore F. Brown, Robert J. Cary, W. Addison Burnham, George N. Fancher, Edward C. Weeks, Daniel P. Townsend, Warren S. Paddock — 14.

The Moderator announced the following committees:

I. BILLS AND OVERTURES.

Ministers. — John A. Ingham, Irving E. White, Anthony R. Macoubrey.

Elders. — John K. Myers, Benjamin Weed, John Irwin.

II. JUDICIAL BUSINESS.

Ministers. — William B. Waller, J. Ritchie Smith, Thornton M. Niven.

Elders. — Henry Parsons, Hezekiah King.

III. SESSIONAL RECORDS.

Ministers. — Oliver S. Dean, George R. Cutting, Theodore L. Van Norden.

Elders. — Theodore F. Brown, John G. Clark, Orson W. Sloat.

IV. TELLERS.

Minister. — Joseph H. Robinson.

Elder. — George W. Banks.

V. LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

Minister. — Frank F. Blessing.

Elder. — Francis A. See.

Rev. George F. Pentecost was received by letter of dismission from the Presbytery of London, North, after answering affirmatively the constitutional questions (Standing Rule No. 4), and it was ordered that his name should be enrolled.

The call of the First Church of Yonkers, N. Y. (p. 541),

was, on motion, ordered placed in his hands, and was by him accepted.

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The Committee of Arrangements was appointed a committee to arrange for his installation, and Rev. George F. Pentecost was added to the committee.

A paper of a judicial character was referred to the Committee on Judicial Business.

The death of Elder G. Charles Benedict of the North Salem Church was announced, and Rev. Robert P. Gibson was appointed to draft a minute for the Necrology.

The election of the following persons as trustees of the Presbyterian Church at Narragansett Pier, R. I., subject to the approval of the Presbytery, was reported: Rev. Messrs. J. Aspinwall Hodge, W. D. Buchanan, and J. Warner Fobes, Hon. S. S. Rogers, Dr. St. Clair Smith, and Messrs. S. R. Branch and James Jessup. Election approved.

A communication of the Synod's Committee on Missionary Congress was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

A communication from the Central China Mission was referred to the Committee on Foreign Missions.

Letters from United States Senators Murphy of New York and Joseph R. Hawley of Connecticut, acknowledging receipt of resolution of Presbytery urging the ratification of the arbitration treaty with England (p. 548), were read.

A communication from the Synodical Superintendent was referred to the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension.

A communication from the Stated Clerk of Synod was referred to the same committee.

A letter of Rev. Edward B. Allen, pastor of the South East Church, to the Stated Clerk, was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

The plan for Synodical aid proposed by the Synod's Committee was referred to the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension.

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A communication from Rev. W. Hart Dexter on the change of boundary of Presbytery was referred to the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension.

A communication from the faculty of Auburn Seminary was referred to the Committee on Education.

A communication from the Presbyterian Historical Society was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

The Treasurer of the Trustees of Presbytery presented a report, which was accepted, and is as follows:

The Trustees hold the following property:

1. A note for $5,000, secured by a mortgage, which is a first lien upon the house and lot of Malcolm R. Pitt, Glenbrook Avenue, Stamford Conn. This represents the bequest of Alexander Milne to the Presbytery, "the income, in its discretion, to be applied to the support of needy ministers within the bounds of said Presbytery and connected with said body."

During the year beginning April 1, 1896, three sums, amounting to $400, have been paid out. There is a balance on hand in the Union Dime Savings Institution of New York of $100, and in the Citizens' Savings Bank of Stamford of $18.32. This mortgage bears 5 per cent. interest, payable semi-annually in June and December. After the next interest day, in June, there will be available from this fund the further sum of $125.

2. One thousand dollars deposited in the Union Dime Savings Institution, the bequest of Rev. Carson W. Adams, the income of which is to be used "for missionary purposes within the bounds of the Presbytery." Forty dollars has been paid during the year to Rev. Frank A. Wales, pastor of the Pound Ridge Church. There is a balance on hand of $49.71. About $40 more of income will accrue before April 1, 1898.

3. From the estate of Richard H. Lockwood of North Salem the Trustees have received the sum of $225.32, which is on deposit in the Union Dime Savings Institution, less the sum of $50 paid to his cousin, R. M. Badeau of Toledo, Ohio, to whom by will was given the sum of $50. This money is to be used "for the benefit of the church in North Salem." A letter received from G. Charles Benedict, Clerk of Session of North Salem, dated February 16, 1897, stated that the church had no particular use for the money at present. Mr. Benedict has since died. There is no requirement in the will that this money should be invested and the income only used.

The Sessional Records were called for for examination.

The death of Elder Frederick R. Westwood of the Hartford Church was announced, and Rev. William Watson Breckenridge was appointed to draft a minute for the Necrology.

The following were placed in nomination as Commissioners to the General Assembly:

Ministers. — J. Ritchie Smith, Wilson Phraner, Thornton M. Niven,

George R. Cutting, Alvah G. Fessenden, Frederick A. M. Brown, Frank A. Wales, Daniel N. Freeland.

Elders — James A. Merritt, Hezekiah King, Edward C. Weeks, Ralph E. Prime, Daniel H. Knapp, David I. Carson, Charles E. Corwin. Spring Stated Meeting. April 20, 1897.

An invitation from the Irvington Church to hold the Intermediate meeting there was accepted with thanks.

The overture from the General Assembly on proposed Constitutional Rule requiring the examination of candidates for licensure on the English Bible (*Minutes of General Assembly*, 1896, *p.* 145) was answered in the affirmative.

The committee to prepare a minute on the death of Elder Joseph Conklin of the Greenburgh Church (p. 547) presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and ordered entered in the Necrology.

The committee to install Rev. Joshua J. Wolf, pastor of the Mahopac Falls Church, reported the discharge of that duty according to the directions of Presbytery (p. 547.)

The committee to draft a minute on the death of Elder Edward Wells of the Peekskill First Church (p. 545) presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and ordered entered in the Necrology.

The death of Elder James Myers of the New Rochelle Church was announced, and Rev. William B. Waller was appointed to draft a minute for the Necrology.

The Committee on the Narrative presented a report, which was accepted and adopted, and it was ordered that an abstract be sent to the General Assembly. It is as follows:

I. Congregational Services.

So far as reported our congregations have been fully supplied with preaching. Two preaching services are generally held on the Lord's Day; also a session of the Sabbath-school and a Young People's meeting. The attendance has been as usual. So far as reported, the children and youth attend these services. The week-day meetings are those for prayer and in the interest of missions.

II. Sabbath-schools.

There are 46 schools, — 38 church, 6 mission, and 2 union. In about one-half the Shorter Catechism is taught. Twenty out of 28 report the use of the Westminster Lesson Helps, 4 Bible Study Union, 1 *Sunday-School Times*, and 1 Peloubet. All have libraries selected with care.

III. Societies of Men or Women.

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There are 78 reported, — missionary, aid of church finances, benevolent, and social, with the usual services and meetings and results.

IV. Young People's Societies.

Thirty reported, — Young People's Societies of Christian Endeavor (Senior and Junior), Mission Bands, King's Sons and Daughters.

V. Spiritual Conditions.

Revivals are reported in 12 churches. The religious interest in the churches, as a whole, seems to have been about as usual. No unusual obstructions to the progress of religion are reported. Two hundred and fifty-two additions on profession are reported.

VI. Benevolence.

Almost all the churches contribute according to a definite plan. Three are reported delinquent; some speak of less ability. Sabbath-schools generally contribute to the Boards and other benevolent objects. The societies of the churches give to Home and Foreign Missions and Freedmen. Provision is made for the poor.

VII. Family Religion.

Parents are instructed in the duty of presenting their children for baptism, but delinquency on their part is reported from some of the churches. The obligations of family worship and Christian training of children are presented. Probably a majority of our Sessions are faithful in the oversight of the children of churches.

VIII. Miscellaneous.

The financial obligations of the churches are apparently met with fidelity. The temporalities are managed by Trustees, with one exception, where they are managed by Deacons. Work is being done by Christian methods for the judicious advancement of moral reform, and the Sessions exercise supervision over the Sabbath-schools and societies.

Reports from ministers, not pastors, in accordance with Standing Rule No. 34, were received from Rev. Messrs. Daniel N. Freeland, David Murdoch, William Life, Talmon C. Perry, Andrew B. Morse, David A. Holbrook, Henry M. Baird, Wilson Phraner, Alexander Miller, Willis W. Dowd, John H. Trussell, Irving E. White, Harris Ely Adriance, Henry R. White, Warren H. Wilson, John Alison, Elias S. Schenck.

The Committee of Arrangements presented a report, recommending arrangements for the installation of Rev. George F. Pentecost as pastor of the First Church of Yonkers, N. Y., which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Time — This evening, at 8 P. M. *To preside and propound the constitutional questions* — the Moderator. *Sermon* — Rev. Theodore L. Cuyler of the Presbytery of Brooklyn, to be invited. *Charge to the pastor* — Rev. Wilson Phraner. *Charge to the people* — Rev. J. Ritchie Smith. *A greeting from the Marylebone Presbyterian Church, London* — By cablegram. *Address of welcome in behalf of the church* — Rev. T. Ralston Smith of the Presbytery of Buffalo, to be invited.

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The Committee on Education reported, presenting the following candidates for the ministry: Amos T. Harrington of the New Haven First Church, and Robert L. Jackson of the Rye Church.

The candidates were examined by the Moderator concerning their religious experience and views in seeking the ministry, and, on motion, were received under the care of the Presbytery.

The Committee on Education recommended that Robert O. Kirkwood, a student in Princeton College, and a candidate for the ministry, under the care of Presbytery, be recommended to the Board of Education for aid for another year. Adopted.

Rev. John T. Wills requested the dissolution of the pastoral relation existing between him and the First Church of Greenwich, Conn. Commissioners from the church and congregation were heard, regretfully concurring in the request.

The request was, on motion, referred to a special committee consisting of Rev. Messrs. Robert P. Gibson, Oliver S. Dean, and Irving E. White, and Elders Orson W. Sloat and Jacob R. Decatur, with directions to confer with the pastor and commissioners of the church and congregation during the present session of Presbytery, and to report at as early an hour as practicable.

The following special orders were made for the afternoon:

First, Report of the Committee on Sessional Records;
Second, Report of the Committee on Examinations;
Third, Report of the Committee on Judicial Business.

The Committee on Temperance presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

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We are pleased to report universal interest in the cause of temperance. Two thirds of our churches have seen to the enforcement of the laws requiring instruction in temperance physiology in the public schools. All but three of our churches use unfermented wine, and at least one of these three is considering a change, and in the future will probably use the unfermented wine. In all but five of the parishes efforts of some sort have been made against the saloon, with varying success. But four organizations of the nature of Law and Order Leagues and one church have met with unqualified success in closing saloons and assisting to secure a no-license vote in the country towns, and other communities, though unsuccessful in these particulars in the past, are firmly working with unabated enthusiasm for the cause of righteousness. Of course, the larger part of our Presbytery lives under the Raines law. This may have its faults, but we think it better than previous laws, and expect to find it easier in the future to convict offenders for illegal liquor selling. Few Sessions have temperance committees, but the remaining Sessions serve as a committee of the whole.

We would beg earnestly to offer a recommendation of a practical kind. Nothing can be accomplished without organization. We do not believe in a temperance political party, and we have no suggestions to offer at this time to the churches in cities and large towns. But when it comes to the country towns, where the influential element is the American farmer and his family, if they will but assert their will, we see no reason why the arrogant and selfish liquor-sellers should control our public business. We would, therefore, urge all the churches situated in the country towns to form, or lead in forming, leagues or associations that shall be permanent organizations, which look after the enforcement of law, shall prosecute offenders, and try to exert the controlling influence in town elections in this one matter of license, and which shall persevere in spite of discouragements. As a matter of fact, however, of the five organizations of the kind indicated within the bounds of this Presbytery, of which we know, four have been eminently successful, whereas, of all other efforts against license at the town elections last month, we know of only one success. Of course, such associations must expect failures, especially in securing convictions against lawless dealers. The delays of the law are nowhere so notorious as in liquor cases. But the end, when won, is well worth the expense in money, and the sacrifice of time and thought.

We would also call the attention of pastors to the fact that of the thirty-five ministers and Sessions to whom questions for information were addressed, less than half (16) responded in time to enable the chairman to send a summary of their replies to the Assembly's committee, and more than one-third have not replied at all.

The Committee on the Minutes of Synod presented a report, which was accepted, and is as follows:

Your committee would call attention to the following action of Synod:

1. Education, p. 26.
2. Change of Synod's name p. 40.
3. Change of boundary of this Presbytery, p. 44.

The Committee on Systematic Beneficence presented a report, which was accepted.

Pending a motion for its adoption, Presbytery took a recess until 2.30 P. M.

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Closed with prayer.

TUESDAY, 2.30 P. M.

Presbytery reassembled, and was opened with prayer.

The first order of the afternoon — the report of the Committee on Sessional Records — was taken up. The committee reported, recommending the approval without exception, of all the records presented for examination.

The second order — the report of the Committee on Examinations — was taken up.

Amos T. Harrington, Robert L. Jackson, and Edwin P. Essick, candidates for licensure, read statements of their theological beliefs. Each one then delivered a part of a sermon.

The committee presented their report, recommending their licensure. After the candidates had retired, the roll was called, and the examinations were sustained.

Amos T. Harrington, Robert L. Jackson, and Edwin P. Essick were with prayer duly licensed to preach the Gospel, in accordance with the requirements of Form of Government, XIV.

Rev. T. Ralston Smith of the Presbytery of Buffalo and Rev. George W. F. Birch of the Presbytery of New York were invited to sit as corresponding members.

Presbytery resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee on Systematic Beneficence. The report was adopted, and is as follows:

Your committee is of the opinion that "The Church at Home and Abroad" and "The Assembly Herald" do not fully meet the needs of the church, and that their efficiency may be increased. It is not easy to get our people to subscribe for them, and harder to get them to read them. True, many are not interested in missions, but these periodicals do not give the help desired in arousing such interest.

We note several points, which should have attention:

1. The maintenance of two monthlies covering much the same ground, and appealing to the same constituency;

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2. The editorial plan, by which a certain amount of space is given to each Board, irrespective of amount of fresh, important, and interesting material on hand;

3. The introduction of much irrelevant matter, such as comments on the Sabbath-school lessons, hints for the prayer meeting, etc., which adds to the bulk and expense, and detracts from the force and interest;

4. The editing and publishing at such distance from the headquarters of the Boards that the manuscripts must be prepared long in advance, so that the "news" is old, and statements and appeals must be supplemented by leaflets and circulars, at large expense;

5 Two editors of "The Church at Home and Abroad" at $5,000 a year, with a consequent deficit, which has amounted to more than $35,000 in the ten years past, and still continues, as the circulation, on the other hand, continues to decrease, in spite of this abundant outlay;

6 The separation of the management from the Boards which the periodicals represent, and its being put in charge of special committees.

In view of these and other facts, we respectfully recommend Presbytery to overture General Assembly to appoint at its next meeting a committee, which shall investigate and consider this subject, and which shall report to the following meeting of the General Assembly in May, 1898.

The tellers of votes for Commissioners of General Assembly presented a report, and the following were declared elected:

PRINCIPALS.

Ministers.	*Elders.*
J. Ritchie Smith,	Ralph E. Prime,
Wilson Phraner,	James A. Merritt,
Frederick A. M. Brown.	Daniel H. Knapp.

ALTERNATES.

George R. Cutting,	David I. Carson,
Alvah G. Fessenden,	Edward C. Weeks,
Thornton M. Niven.	Charles E. Corwin.

The Committee on the Hastings First Church (p. 511) made a verbal report, which was accepted, and the committee was continued.

The Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

1. In regard to the communication from the Stated Clerk of the Synod of New York (p. 553), in which attention is called to a proposed change of boundary of Presbytery, and the Synod's reference of it to Presbytery for an expression of opinion and desire (*Min. of Synod, p. 44*), your committee would report favorably, with the suggestion that the territorial transfer be limited to the eastern line of Hampden County, Mass.

2. In reference to the plan of Synodical aid proposed by Synod's committee (p. 553), your committee suggest that the final report of Synod's committee be so modified as not to impose a compulsory assessment upon the churches, or interfere with the contributions to home missions. Spring Stated Meeting, April 20, 1897.

3. Your committee recommend that the Trustees of Presbytery be requested to appropriate $40 from the income of the Carson W. Adams Fund to the church at Pound Ridge, N. Y., to supplement the amount received from the Synodical Aid Fund, which was $125, instead of $200, recommended by Presbytery.

The Committee on Young People's Societies presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

That for the better instruction of the young people of our churches in the historical development and principles of the church, a course of lectures be established by Presbytery to be delivered before Young People's Societies of the several congregations upon the following plan:

1. The general subject shall be some important phase of church history, such as The Reformation.

2. This subject shall be subdivided into as many parts as may be considered best, and a lecture be prepared upon each part by lecturers selected by the committee on Young People's Societies.

3. The lecturers shall be members of this Presbytery.

4 Each lecturer shall be assigned a single part of the general subject and shall be expected to prepare but one lecture thereon.

5. Each Young People's Society shall be entitled, with the counsel of the session, to select any or all of the lectures thus provided for, and shall notify the committee on Young People's Societies of the selection.

6. The lecturers shall be notified of their appointments and dates by the committee.

7. Each society shall defray all necessary expenses of the lecturers, but no farther charge upon the societies shall be made.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

1. With respect to communication from Synod's committee on Missionary Congress (p. 553), your committee would report that we regard the Synodical Missionary Congress to be held in Poughkeepsie, N. Y., June 1-3, as of special importance in view of present condition of our Missionary Boards, and we note with pleasure the accessibility for the greater part of our churches of the meeting place this year. We recommend

1. That Presbytery elect to-day a full quota of delegates and alternates to this conference.

2. That our pastors and Sessions be requested so far as possible to send one delegate from each church.

3. That the Stated Clerk notify, if necessary, the secretaries of our Presbyterial societies of their privileges of representation in the conference

4. That so far as possible names of delegates be promptly sent to the chairman of the Synod's committee.

2. We recommend with respect to the communication from the pastor of the South East Church, that Presbytery, if possible, defray the entire assessment of this historic and honored church from its con-

tingent funds, and further that this church be commended to the counsel and aid of Presbytery's Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension.

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3. With respect to communication of Presbyterian Historical Society, we recommend that Presbytery express its cordial approval of the objects of that society and recommend the co-operation with it of all our ministers and elders in the laudable aim to collect and preserve the materials for the history of our church in this land.

We recommend further that the Stated and Permanent Clerks be appointed a committee to forward from time to time copies of our Presbytery's minutes and of such other printed documents as may be prepared under Presbytery's direction or may be available for this purpose.

The commission on the Portchester church (p. 546) made a verbal report recommending that Rev. Irving E. White be added to the commission. Report was accepted and adopted.

The special committee to confer with the pastor and commissioners of the Greenwich church (p. 557) presented a report which was accepted and after amendment was adopted. It is as follows:

Resolved, That Presbytery advise the society of First Presbyterian Church of Greenwich, Conn., to pay their pastor's just claim against them for salary, raising the money, if necessary, by a second mortgage on the property, in order that the way may be clear for the presentation of his resignation.

The Committee on Judicial Business presented a report which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Your committee has considered paper submitted to Presbytery by Rev. Rollin A. Sawyer (p. 553), and would report that in their judgment he had a perfect constitutional right to make protest against the action of Presbytery taken December 17, 1896, and inasmuch as he is satisfied with having put himself on record against the action of the Permanent Clerk in not recording his protest, that therefore, no further action be taken.

On motion the following was adopted:

Resolved, That the Trustees of Presbytery be directed to look over the property of the First Presbyterian Church of Greenwich, Conn., to see if there may be prospect of an equity to be saved by the sale of the same and to do what in their judgment may be most profitable for the church and the denomination.

Presbytery took a recess until 8 P. M.

Closed with prayer.

TUESDAY, 8 P. M.

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Presbytery met for the services of installation of Rev. George F. Pentecost as pastor of the First Church.

After devotional exercises Rev. Theodore D. Cuyler preached a sermon from the text, Rom. 16 : 22 — "I, Tertius, who wrote this epistle, salute you in the Lord."

The Moderator propounded the constitutional questions (Form of Government, XVI, 6), and declared the pastoral relation duly constituted.

A charge to the pastor was delivered by Rev. Wilson Phraner, and one to the people by Rev. J. Ritchie Smith.

The following cablegram was read :

"LONDON, April 20, 1897.

"Marylebone to Yonkers — Congratulations. Eph. 2 : 19, Titus, 3 : 15."

An address of welcome on behalf of the church was delivered by Rev. T. Ralston Smith.

The benediction was pronounced by the newly-installed pastor.

Presbytery adjourned to 9 A. M. to-morrow morning.

Closed with prayer.

WEDNESDAY, April 21, 1897.

Presbytery met at 9 A. M.

After devotional exercises led by Rev. Arthur Requa, Presbytery was constituted with prayer.

Moderators of Sessions of vacant churches were appointed as follows :

Rev. Robert P. Gibson, North Salem.
Rev. Charles E. Allison, Hastings First.
Rev. Oliver S. Dean, Patterson.
Rev. Robert P. Gibson, S. E. Center.
Rev. Alvah G. Fessenden, Pleasantville.

The Sessions of the above churches were granted leave to supply their pulpits until the Fall stated meeting.

On motion the following was adopted :

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Resolved, 1. That Presbytery express to the Session of the First Church of Hastings its regret for and its disapproval of the neglect of this church in sending to Presbytery neither representative nor report for fully three years.

2. That Presbytery requests the Session of the Hastings Church to send a delegate to the Intermediate meeting prepared to report fully upon the condition and prospects of the church.

The Stated Clerk presented excuses for absence from the following, who, on motion, were excused:

Ministers.— Elias S. Schenck, Chauncey D. Rice, Marcellus Bowen, William K. Eddy, Norman C. Whittemore, Andrew B. Morse, Alexander Miller, Charles E. Upson, Talmon C. Perry, Harris Ely Adriance, David Murdoch, James H. Rankin, John Tatlock, Manfred P. Welcher, Warren H. Wilson, Homer S. Newcomb, William Watson Breckenridge.

The Committee on Leave of Absence presented a report which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows:

Your committee granted leave of absence to the following:

Ministers.— John H. Trussell, Rollin A. Sawyer, Henry M. Baird, John T. Wills, Will A. Babbit, Frank T. Blessing, Thornton M. Niven, Frank A. Wales, Alvah G. Fessenden, John B. Appel, Charles S. Lane, Robert P. Gibson, J. Ritchie Smith.

Elders.— Orson W. Sloat, Edward C. Weeks, David A. Nelson, Charles B. Dolsen, Henry Parsons, George W. Banks, George E. Hull, George E. Christie, Daniel P. Townsend, Thomas M. Stewart, Theodore L. Brown, Francis A. See, Benjamin Weed, Charles E. Corwin, John Irwin, William McKim, John G. Clark, Daniel H. Knapp, W. Addison Burnham.

The officers of Presbytery were authorized to appoint delegates to the Synodical Missionary Congress (p. 561).

On motion, the following was adopted:

Resolved, That Presbytery extend its sincere thanks to the ladies, the session, the trustees, the new pastor, and the choir of the First Presbyterian Church of Yonkers, N. Y., for the most hospitable and cordial manner in which Presbytery has been entertained during a session of unusual pleasure and profit.

The roll was called, and the following were found to have withdrawn without leave:

Ministers.— Anthony R. Macoubrey, Frederick A. M. Brown, David A. Holbrook, Richard P. H. Vail, William B. Waller, Adrian V. S. Wallace, James A. McWilliams, Joshua J. Wolf, George R. Cutting, Francis E. Smith, Theodore L. Van Norden, John Alison.

Elders.— Orrin D. Kingsley, M.D., Hezekiah King, Edwin A. Knapp, John K. Myers, William Smith, Jacob R. Decatur, C. Coles Dusenbury, Warren S. Paddock.

The minutes of yesterday's and to-day's sessions were read and approved.

Presbytery then adjourned, to meet in the Presbyterian Church, Irvington, N. Y., Tuesday, June 15, 1897. Spring Stated Meeting, April 20, 1897.

Closed with prayer and benediction.

W. J. CUMMING,
Stated Clerk.

RALPH E. PRIME,
Permanent Clerk.

OFFICERS OF PRESBYTERY.

Moderator — Rev. George William Knox, Rye, N. Y. *Stated Clerk and Treasurer* — Rev. William J. Cumming, Yorktown, N. Y. *Permanent Clerk* — Elder Ralph E. Prime, Yonkers, N. Y. *Temporary Clerks* — Rev. Arthur Requa, Noroton, Conn., and Rev. Frank A. Wales, Pound Ridge, N. Y.

TRUSTEES.

Ministers — Rollin A. Sawyer, Richard P. H. Vail, Thornton M. Niven, William B. Waller.

Elders — Uriah Hill, William H. Parsons, Thomas G. Ritch (*Treasurer, Stamford, Conn.*), Benjamin Weed, Sanford R. Knapp (*Clerk, Peekskill, N. Y.*).

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1897.

Churches,	38	Added on Examination,	278
Sunday-schools,	48	Added on Certificate,	236
Ministers,	66	Total Communicants,	7,918
Licentiates,	11	Adults Baptized,	84
Local Evangelists,	1	Infants Baptized,	238
Candidates,	6	Sunday-school Membership,	7,637
Elders,	163		
Deacons,	78		

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Home Missions,	$16,199	Synodical Aid Fund,	$568
Foreign Missions,	9,350	Aid for Colleges,	563
Education,	837	General Assembly,	826
Sunday school Work,	1,355	Congregational,	118,000
Church Erection,	693	American Bible Society,	484
Relief Fund,	1,221	Miscellaneous,	5,019
Freedmen,	936		
Total,			$156,051

Intermediate Meeting, June 15, 1897.

IRVINGTON, N. Y., June 15, 1897.

The Presbytery of Westchester met pursuant to appointment in the Presbyterian Church, Irvington, N. Y., at 10.30 A. M., and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator, Rev. George William Knox.

Rev. Joseph H. Robinson was elected Temporary Clerk.

The excuse of the Stated Clerk for non-attendance at this meeting was presented and sustained.

The roll was called, and the following found to be present:

Ministers.	*Churches.*	*Elders.*
Daniel N. Freeland.		
Wilson Phraner.		
Rollin A. Sawyer.		
	Yonkers 1st,	Ralph E. Prime.
Thornton M. Niven,	Greenburgh,	Hezekiah King.
	Greenwich 1st,	Edwin A. Knapp.
Richard P. H. Vail,	Stamford 1st,	Thomas G. Ritch.
	Bridgeport 1st,	Malcolm T. Kerr.
William B. Waller,	New Rochelle,	R. C. Eddy, M.D.
	Peekskill 1st,	Uriah Hill, Jr.
George William Knox,	Rye,	Henry Parsons.
Charles E. Allison,	Dayspring.	
Irving E. White,	Portchester.	
Thomas C. Straus,	Peekskill 2d.	
Charles S. Lane,	Mt. Vernon 1st,	John Irwin.
James A. McWilliams,	Sing Sing.	
	Darien,	Benjamin Weed.
George R. Cutting,	Westminster,	William L. Odell.
John A. Ingham,	Irvington,	George M. Kendall.
	Scarborough,	Francis A. See.
Alvah G. Fessenden,	Mt. Kisco.	
	South Salem,	George E. Hull.
Warren H. Wilson.		
Joseph H. Robinson,	Hug. Mem'l.	
Will A. Babbitt,	Katonah.	
	Pleasantville,	David A. Nelson.
18		15

Total present,.....33

Ministers absent.—Elias S. Schenck, Chauncey D. Rice, David Murdoch, William Life, Talmon C. Perry, Andrew B. Morse, John Tatlock, Anthony R. Macoubrey, Edward B. Allen, George F. Pentecost, Frederick A. M. Brown, Oliver S. Dean, David A. Holbrook, Henry M. Baird, John T. Wills, Homer S. Newcomb, Theodore S. Pond, Christopher R. Brown, Alexander Miller, Robert P. Gibson, Marcellus Bowen, Henry A. Davenport, R. Randall Hoes, Charles E. Upson, Willis W. Dowd, William N. Richie, J. Ritchie Smith, James H. Hoyt, William J. Cumming, William K. Eddy, John H. Trussell, David Laughlin, Manfred P. Welcher, Adrian V. S. Wallace, Joshua

J. Wolf, Arthur Requa, Francis E. Smith, Harris Ely Adriance, Henry R. White, William W. Breckenridge, Frank F. Blessing, Frank A. Wales, Theodore L. Van Norden, John Alison, John B. Appel, James H. Rankin, Norman C. Whittemore.—47. Intermediate Meeting, June 15, 1897.

Churches not represented.— White Plains, Southeast, New Haven 1st, Patterson, Croton Falls, Yorktown, Dayspring, Portchester, Peekskill 2d, Thompsonville, Sing Sing, Mahopac Falls, New Rochelle 2d, Hartford, Pound Ridge, Mt. Kisco, Huguenot Memorial, Katonah, Gilead, Bedford, North Salem, Hastings 1st, South East Center.—23.

Excused for absence.— Elias S. Schenck, Chauncey D. Rice, Henry M. Baird, Theodore S Pond, Alexander Miller, Marcellus Bowen, J. Ritchie Smith, William J. Cumming, William K. Eddy, Norman C. Whittemore.

Corresponding member.— Rev. George H. Wallace of the Presbytery of New York.

Rev. George H. Wallace of the Presbytery of New York was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The Committee of Arrangements presented a report, recommending that Presbytery take a recess from 1 to 2.30 P. M. for lunch. Adopted.

A letter was read from Rev. Alexander Miller, giving as an excuse for absence that his wife had just died.

The Stated Clerk was directed to express by letter to him the sympathy of the Presbytery, and Presbytery was led in prayer for him in his affliction.

It was ordered that the printing of the minutes of Presbytery, suspended January 19th (p. 549), be resumed.

It was ordered that the present volume be closed with the minutes of this meeting, that an index of the same be prepared and printed, and that one copy be bound for the use of Presbytery.

The continued printing of the minutes was referred to the Stated and Permanent Clerks, with direction to report thereon at the Fall Stated Meeting.

The Committee on the Hastings Church (p. 560), presented a verbal report, and, on motion, it was ordered that church be notified to send its representative to the Fall Stated Meeting.

The death of Rev. Charles E. Lindsley on May 25th was announced, and Rev. William B. Waller was appointed to prepare a minute for the Necrology.

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Rev. Wilson Phraner and Elder Ralph E. Prime, commissioners, reported attendance on the sessions of the General Assembly, and, on motion, their diligence was approved.

It was ordered that committee of five be appointed, with direction to report at the Fall Stated Meeting, a scheme for the celebration by Presbytery, and also by the churches under its care, of the 250th anniversary of the adoption of the Westminster Standards.

Rev. Messrs. Henry M. Baird, Wilson Phraner, J. Ritchie Smith, and Elders Ralph E. Prime and Z. Edwards Lewis, M.D., were appointed as the committee.

The Moderator and Rev. John A. Ingham and Elders Henry Parsons and Ralph E. Prime were appointed a committee to present the views of Presbytery before the recently appointed special committee of the General Assembly on the periodicals of the church.

The Commission on the Portchester Church (p. 562) presented a report, which was accepted. The commission was continued. The report is as follows:

The commission met pursuant to the call of the chairman, Rev. George William Knox, in the office of Elder Thomas G. Ritch, 18 Wall Street, New York, May 7, at 11 A. M. There were present Rev. Messrs. George William Knox and Irving E. White and Elder Ralph E. Prime; absent, Rev. William B. Waller and Elder William H. Parsons. The following resolutions were adopted:

1. Rev. Irving E. White be elected Secretary of the Commission.
2. That the elders of the Portchester church be requested to place their resignations in the hands of the Commission at once.
3. That the Chairman of the Commission ask the Trustees of Portchester church for their resignations as soon as the Trustees of Presbytery notify him that the deed of the church property has been delivered to them.
4. That Messrs. D. P. Townsend and F. A. Shutes, members of the congregation at Portchester, be, and hereby are, appointed a financial committee, who shall be entrusted with the collection and custody of funds for church purposes, no money to be paid out except by order or direction of the Chairman of the Commission, and that the Chairman be authorized to direct payment of money when he and the Secretary of the Commission shall approve.
5. That the Rev. Irving E. White be, and hereby is, appointed acting pastor of the Portchester church, his term of service to date from May 1, 1897, and that he be empowered to receive and dismiss members, and to accept the resignations of elders and deacons.
6. That the acting pastor be paid salary for the first three months at the rate of $1,400 per annum in monthly payments, and that he be given an annual vacation of one month.

Statement of transactions of Board of Trustees of the Portchester church since May 1, 1897:

May 22, the Board met and formally adopted the eagle side of the silver dollar as the official seal of the Board. Intermediate Meeting, June 15, 1857.

Since then the deed of the property of the Portchester church has been duly drawn and signed and placed in the hands of Rev. Irving E. White to hold and surrender on the certifying to him by the Trustees of Presbytery of the payment of the indebtedness of said church. The indebtedness of said church has been itemized and proper bills thereof rendered to trustees of property.

A letter, dated June 14, 1897, was read from Rev. John T. Wills requesting that the pastoral relation existing between himself and the First Church of Greenwich, Conn., be dissolved, to take effect immediately. Elder Edwin A. Knapp was heard in behalf of the congregation and Session.

It was ordered that the request be granted, and the pastoral relation was dissolved.

Rev. Wilson Phraner was appointed to declare the pulpit vacant on June 27th.

A communication was received from the Greenwich church requesting that a commission be appointed to take full and complete control of the financial and ecclesiastical affairs of the church.

On motion the request was granted, and a commission, consisting of the Moderator and Rev. Richard P. H. Vail, and Elders William H. Parsons and Clarence L. Reid, was appointed and vested with the same powers as were given to the Commission on the Portchester Church (p. 546).

A call from the Pleasantville Church for the pastoral services of Mr. Frank E. Sheppard was received and found in order, but further action was deferred.

Rev. Messrs. Thomas C. Straus, Alvah G. Fessenden, and James A. McWilliams, and Elder Jacob R. Decatur, reported attendance at the Synodical Congress, held in Poughkeepsie, N. Y., and that the delegates from this Presbytery were present.

An invitation from the New Rochelle Church for the Fall Stated Meeting was accepted.

Intermediate Meeting, June 15, 1897.

The committee to prepare a minute on the death of Elder James Myers of the New Rochelle Church (p. 555) presented a report, which was accepted and ordered entered in the Necrology. It was also ordered that a copy be sent to the family of the deceased.

The committee to prepare a minute on the death of Rev. Charles E. Lindsley (p. 567) presented a report which was accepted and ordered entered in the Necrology. It was also ordered that a copy be sent to the family of the deceased.

Informal applications were received from the South East and Pleasantville Churches for aid from the Synodical Aid Fund. It was ordered that they be recommended to the Board of Home Missions for aid to the amount of $200 from that fund, when regular applications are made to the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension.

Presbytery took a recess to 2.30 P. M.

Closed with prayer.

2.30 P. M.

Presbytery re-assembled and was opened with prayer.

The Committee on Education presented Mr. Frank E. Sheppard as a candidate for licensure and ordination, and by unanimous consent the rules as to examination were suspended, and the examination was ordered to take place in open Presbytery.

The examination of Mr. Sheppard in the arts, sciences, Hebrew, Greek, Church History, and Sacraments was sustained, and it was ordered that further examination be postponed until the Fall Stated Meeting.

The Committee on Examinations was directed to prepare and to report to Presbytery at the Fall Stated Meeting a circular letter to be sent to the authorities of all theological seminaries, setting forth the views of this Presbytery as to the preparation of candidates for Presbyterial examinations.

The thanks of Presbytery were extended to the pastor, session, and the ladies of the Irvington Church for the hospitality enjoyed to-day. Intermediate Meeting, June 15, 1897.

The minutes of to-day's sessions were read and approved.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet in the Presbyterian Church, New Rochelle, N. Y., Monday, October 4, 1897.

Closed with prayer and the benediction.

W. J. CUMMING,
Stated Clerk.

RALPH E. PRIME,
Permanent Clerk.

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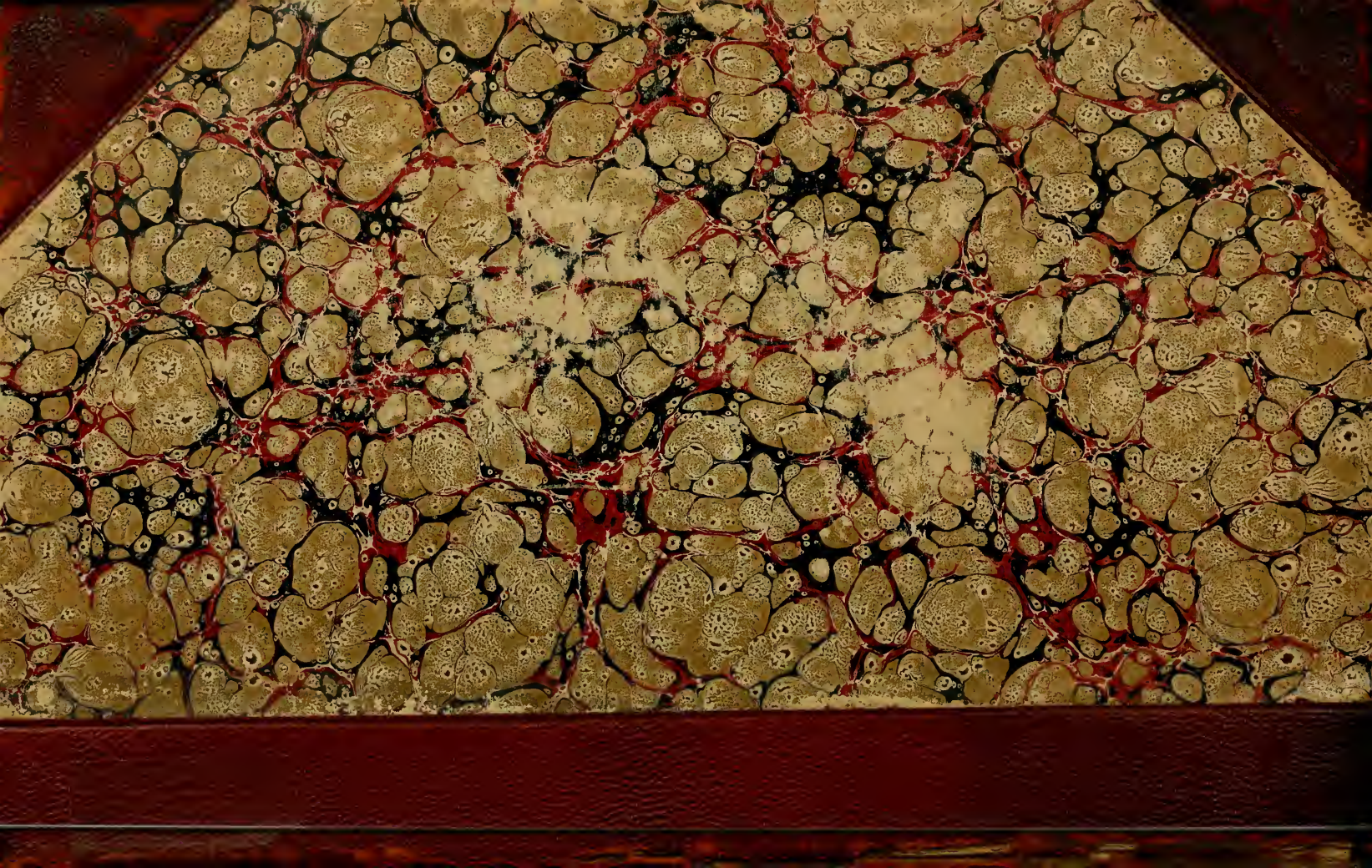
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